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Barander

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Colors... ...ggers roses are for tragical comfort and the power of ancient flower is Malta... Select trade ...es, made a kingdom in 1565 in Europe ... the No1 colonial flavour and is loved and treasured around the world. Its petals ... ...

Bartender

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YES
THIS IS SASAKURA YES
OH, IT'S YANAGI-SAN
INCOMING CALL
HOTEL YANAGI
WHAT !?
I SEE, IT HAS TO BE THERE

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BARTENDER AKATSU SHINJI (PART 1)

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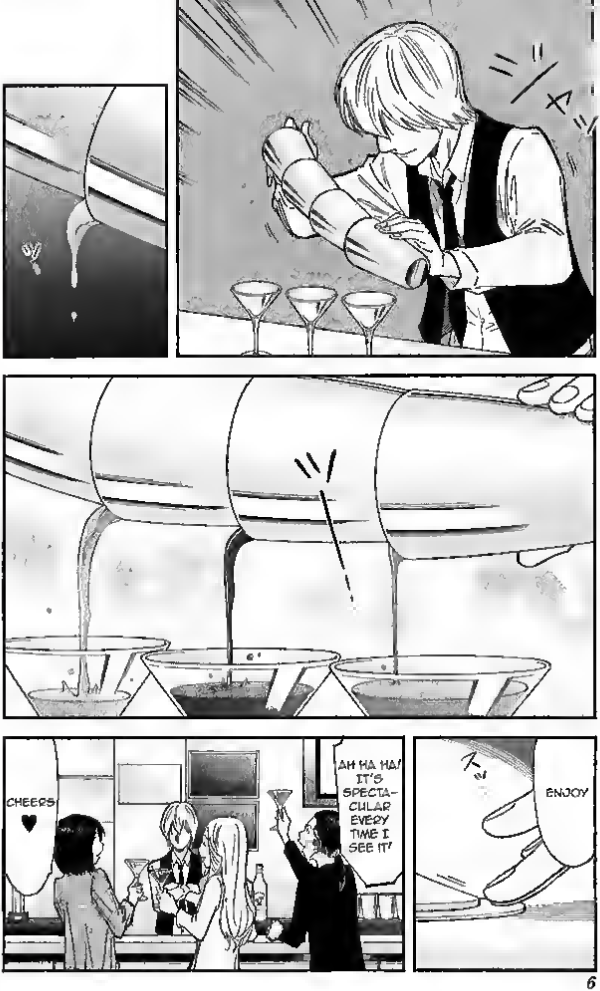
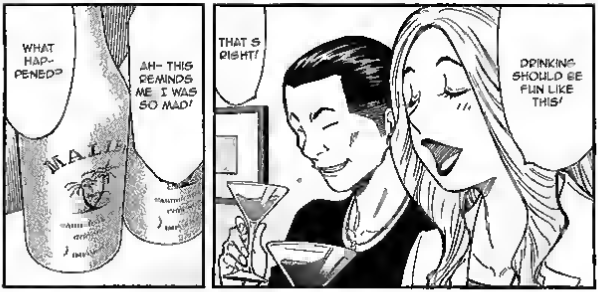

CHEERS
AH HA HA! IT'S SPECTA-CULAR EVERY TIME I SEE IT!
ENJOY


WHAT HAP-PENED?
AH- THIS REMINDS ME I WAS SO MAD!
THAT'S RIGHT!
DRINKING SHOULD BE FUN LIKE THIS!

A WHILE BACK I WENT TO A BAR FOR A DRINK AFTER WORK THEY TOLD ME TO BE QUIET JUST BECAUSE I WAS LAUGHING
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN. FEELS LIKE THOSE OLD GEEZERS ARE FACING THE END OF THE WORLD, ALWAYS DRINKING WITH A FROWN
THEY THINK THEY ARE ALL THAT
HOW SHOULD I PUT IT- SOME BARS ARE SUCH POSERS
THEY CHARGE SO MUCH AND THINK THEY'RE THE BOSS. IT'S AS IF THEY'RE A TRADITIONAL SUSHI BAR-
ONLY JAPAN WOULD HAVE BARS EXCLUSIVELY FOR OLD GEEZERS
IT'S ANNOYING- AND THE MORE ARROGANT THEY ARE, THE MORE THEY RIP YOU OFF
EXCUSE ME
BUSY BUSY
IN OTHER WORDS, MY BAR IS A ROTATING SUSHI BAR?
AH HA HA HA!
AH HA HA, THAT'S FUNNY-

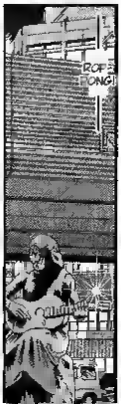
SHINJI'S FATHER IS AMERICAN
HE ENTERED AND WON A COCKTAIL COMPETITION IN LAS VEGAS
- DID YOU KNOW?
AKATSU SHINJI ALSO KNOWN AS FLAIR BARTENDER SHINJI, IS QUITE FAMOUS IN AMERICA
HE'S ALSO A CAPABLE BUSINESSMAN IT'S ONLY BEEN TWO YEARS SINCE HE OPENED THIS BAR, BUT HE'S ALREADY ABOUT TO OPEN A SECOND
GROUND FLOOR STORE-FRONT IN AZABU KURAYA-MIZAKA'S NEW BUILDING
500 SQ FT IS A BIT SMALL, BUT IT'S BEEN RENOVATED LOCATION AND PRICE ARE ALSO ATTRACTIVE . YES, PLEASE DO THAT
YES

!
DON'T YOU LIE TO ME!
I KNOW I'LL PAY IT BACK FOR SURE. BYE!
CLICK
+1"
THAT VOICE EARLIER... SOUNDS LIKE THE BAR GIRL YOU'VE BEEN SEEING FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS.

TELL ME, HOW MANY TIMES HAS IT BEEN? HIROSHI, I'M SICK OF IT!
SIGH
FROM NOW ON NEXT TIME. STARTING TOMORROW
SORRY I'LL BE CAREFUL FROM NOW ON
I WON'T INTERFERE IF YOU DATE A CUSTOMER, BUT DON'T CAUSE ANY TROUBLE
YOU USED TO BE A PLAYER TOO, SHINJI!
JUST CAUSE OF A GIRL
SICK OF IT - ARE YOU GOING TO FIRE ME? WE'VE COME THIS FAR TOGETHER!
ALL THE CUS-TOMERS LOOK SO HAPPY
A BAR-TENDER!
I BET HE'S PO-PULAR
SO COOL!

... IF ONLY I CAN BE LIKE HIM. IT WOULD BE @DE !!
ENO-UGH
I'VE SAID THIS BEFORE. YOU HAVE MORE SKILLS AND ARTISTIC TALENT THAN ME. YOU SHOULD TRY HARDER ...
DIDN'T YOU ASPIRE TO BECOME A BARTENDER BECAUSE OF A MOVIE?
WE'RE PASS THE POINT OF ADMIRING OTHERS. NOW ... WE HAVE TO BE ON TOP!
I QUIT, THERE, HAPPY?

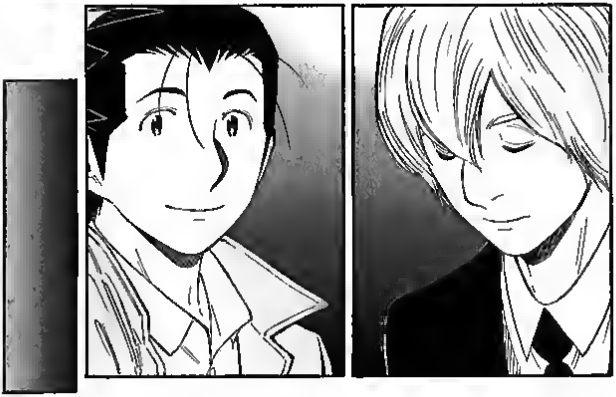
HIROSHI! THINK IT THROUGH!
WE CAN'T STAY KIDS FOREVER!


FEW DAYS LATER
ROPE TRONG!

I WAS GOING TO HAND THE NEW STORE TO YOU
IDIOT

HOW, HOW DID THAT HAPPEN ... I'LL CALL HIM DIRECTLY AND TELL HIM TO LET ME HAVE IT
ABOUT THAT STOREFRONT, THERE'S BEEN SOME MISCOMMUNICATION ANOTHER CLIENT ALSO WANT THAT STOREFRONT
MM. I'M QUITE FAMILIAR WITH THIS PLACE
THE OTHER PARTY IS WAITING INSIDE – HAVE YOU BEEN HERE?
AKATSU-SAN ... I'M TERRIBLY SORRY
Hell's arms

THIS IS SASAKURA-SAN



DEPOSIT . TRYING TO RESOLVE THIS WITH MONEY?
I'LL PAY FOR YOUR DEPOSIT BUT PLEASE LET ME HAVE THE LOCATION

ABOUT THAT STORE-FRONT IN AZABU...
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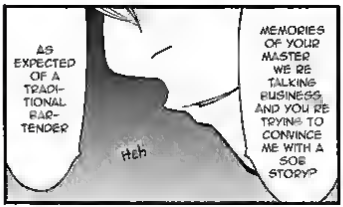
TO BE HO-NEST ...
I ALSO HAVE A REASON WHY I MUST HAVE THAT PLACE

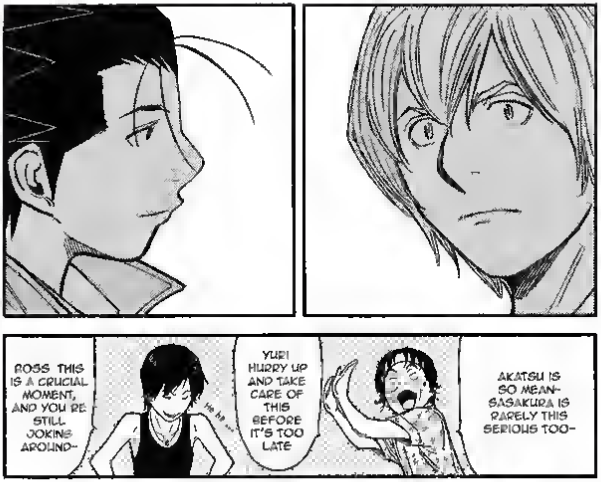
I HAVE MY REASONS BUT I NEED THAT STOREFRONT RIGHT AWAY . IS 300,000 YEN ENOUGH?
PLEASE DON'T GET ANGRY


AS EXPECTED OF A TRADI-TIONAL BAR-TENDER
Heh
MEMORIES OF YOUR MASTER WE'RE TALKING BUSINESS, AND YOU'RE TRYING TO CONVINCE ME WITH A SOB STORY?

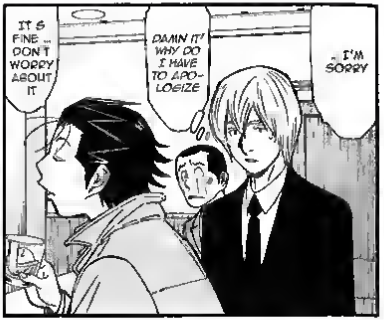
EH ...

I HAVE MEMORIES OF ME AND MY MASTER THERE ...
WHEN I JUST STARTED, I WORKED AS AN APPRENTICE AT THE OLD BAR THAT USED TO BE THERE

SASAKURA-SAN .. IT'S AS IF YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A HARD-HEADED OLD MAN!
NO ROOM FOR NEGO-TIATION, EXTREMELY STUBBORN ..
FINE! I'LL PAY 500 000 YEN
IT'S NOT ABOUT THE AMOUNT
JUVE-NILE ..
.. HOW JUVE-NILE
Gulp
YOU WANT TO SOLVE EVERYTHING WITH MONEY, THAT'S THE KIND OF PERSON YOU ARE
YOU'RE YOUNG BUT YOU ACT LIKE AN OLD GEEZER ONLY THING YOU DO IS TALK .. WHAT AN ASSHOLE
STOP ACTING ALL HIGH AND MIGHTY!
EVEN THOUGH MONEY CAN BUY HAPPINESS, IT ONLY COVERS UP SADNESS AND THE UNHEALABLE PAIN IN YOUR HEART


BOSS THIS IS A CRUCIAL MOMENT, AND YOU'RE STILL JOKING AROUND-
YURI HURRY UP AND TAKE CARE OF THIS BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE
AKATSU IS SO MEAN- SASAKURA IS RARELY THIS SERIOUS TOO-
I'M NOT GONNA BUTT HEADS WITH ROPPONGI'S ULTIMATE WEAPON
WAIT
IT'S MY TURN
ALL RIGHT
DON'T GO EASY ON ME JUST BECAUSE I'M A GIRL~
AW-

DO YOU WANT TO SMILE AND MAKE UP? OR KISS?
I DON'T ALLOW CUSTOMERS TO GET TOO CLOSE EXCEPT WHEN THEY KISS
Kiss


IT'S FINE ... DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
DAMN IT! WHY DO I HAVE TO APOLOGIZE
- I'M SORRY

I'VE NEVER TRIED THAT BEFORE -
A FLAIR BARTENDER'S COCKTAIL
Smile

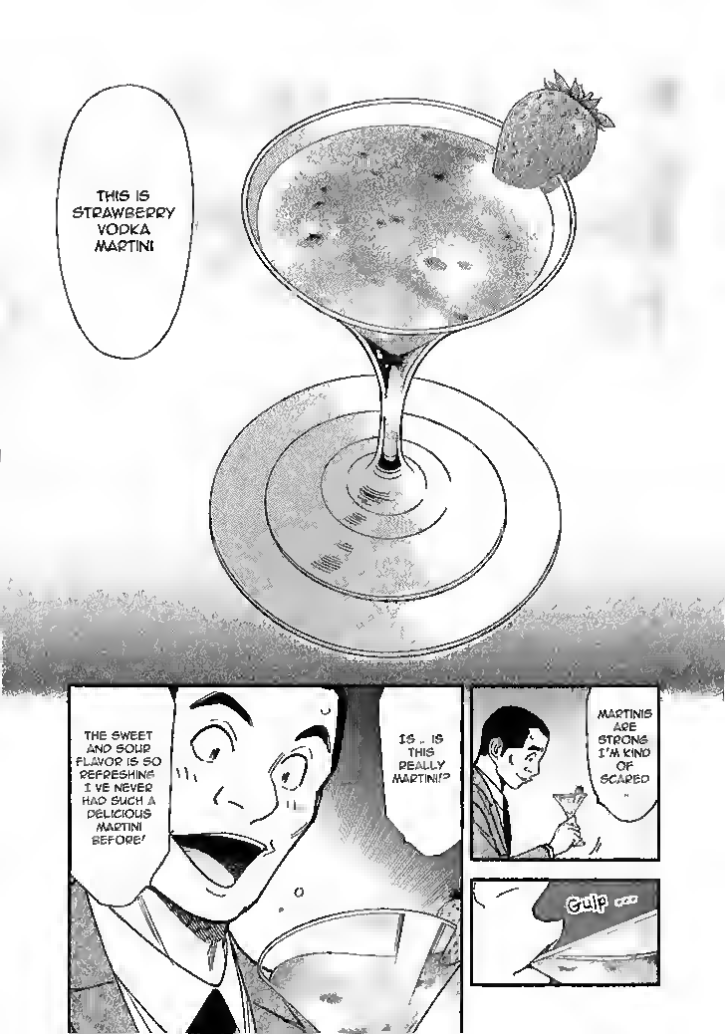
I'D LIKE TO TRY SASAKURA-SAN'S COCKTAIL~
BUT THIS IS A RARE OPPORTUNITY
Smile

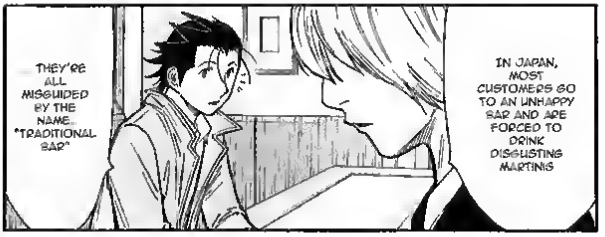
YOU! YOU'RE THE JUDGE!
Shock
THE LOSER HAVE TO GIVE UP THE STOREFRONT IT'S WHAT YOU'D SEE IN A SHONEN MANGA!
EXCELLENT! WE HAVE A BOTTLE STOPPER SO LET'S HAVE A COCKTAIL BATTLE!

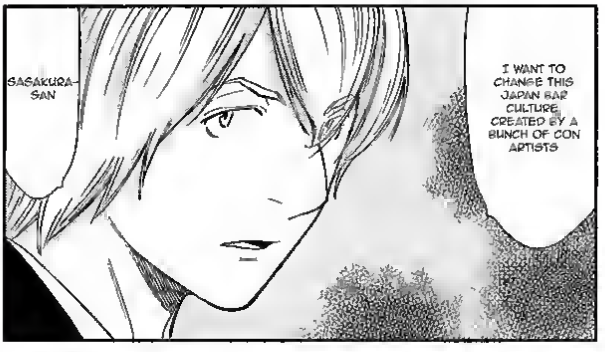
SASA-KURA-SAN A FLAIR BAR-TENDER'S COCKTAIL
IS NOTHING BUT CHILD'S PLAY TO YOU, RIGHT?
IT'S TRUE THAT SPINNING A BOTTLE WON'T MAKE THE LIQUOR TASTE ANY BETTER
IF YOU OVER-PERFORM, THE ICE WILL MELT AND THE COCKTAIL'S FLAVOR WILL BE RUINED
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT IN FLAIR BARTENDING
SOMETHING YOUR BAR DEFINITELY DOESN'T HAVE
DEFINITELY DOESN'T HAVE
SASAKURA-SAN, WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE HARDEST COCKTAIL TO MAKE?
THERE ARE MANY, BUT THE HARDEST WILL ALWAYS BE MARTINI

BUT I'M GOING TO MAKE A FLAIR MARTINI
...THEN I'LL MAKE A MARTINI

VODKA 45 ML
3-4 CRUSHED STRAWBERRIES
THEN SHAKE
LASTLY FILTER
ENJOY
OH, OKAY


THIS IS STRAWBERRY VODKA MARTINI
IS .. IS THIS REALLY MARTINI!?
THE SWEET AND SOUR FLAVOR IS SO REFRESHING I'VE NEVER HAD SUCH A DELICIOUS MARTINI BEFORE!
MARTINIS ARE STRONG I'M KIND OF SCARED ..
Gulp ...


IN JAPAN, MOST CUSTOMERS GO TO AN UNHAPPY BAR AND ARE FORCED TO DRINK DISGUSTING MARTINIS
THEY'RE ALL MISGUIDED BY THE NAME "TRADITIONAL BAR"


I WANT TO CHANGE THIS JAPAN BAR CULTURE, CREATED BY A BUNCH OF CON ARTISTS
SASAKURA-SAN

NICE TO SEE YOU
HELLO

THAT GUY...

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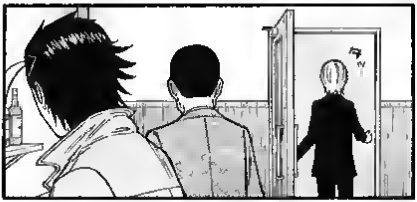
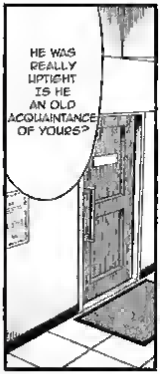
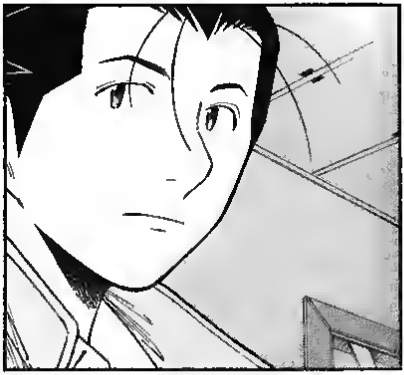


I HAVE SOME URGENT MATTERS TO TAKE CARE OF I HAVE TO GO.
WE'LL TALK ABOUT THE STORE-FRONT AND-THEP DAY


HE WAS REALLY UPTIGHT IS HE AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE OF YOURS?



WELL, IT'S CAUSE HE WENT TOO FAR-
EVEN SO I WON'T GIVE HIM THAT STORE-FRONT
YEA - DID YOU SEE YOUR OWN PAST IN HIM JUST NOW?
Clang
SOMETHING A TRADITIONAL BAR DEFINITELY DOESN'T HAVE ...

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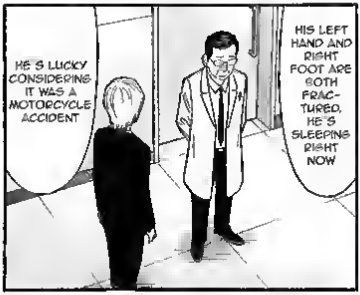
BARTENDER AKATSU SHINJI (PART 2)

EXCUSE ME, WHICH ROOM IS KIJIMA HIROSHI STAYING IN? HE GOT IN A MOTOR-CYCLE ACCIDENT
YOU MEAN THE ONE WHO DROVE INTO A POLE .. HE'S IN ROOM 125
WAIT! KIJIMA ..
AND YOU ARE HIS ..?
HE'S .. LIKE A YOUNGER BROTHER
Huff
Huff ...


HE'S LUCKY CONSIDERING IT WAS A MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT
HIS LEFT HAND AND RIGHT FOOT ARE BOTH FRACTURED. HE'S SLEEPING RIGHT NOW

IT'S TRUE YOU TWO DON'T LOOK LIKE SIBLINGS
LIKE...

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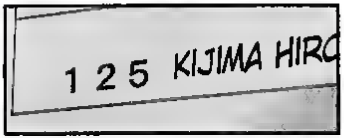
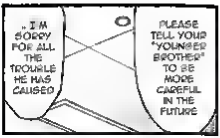
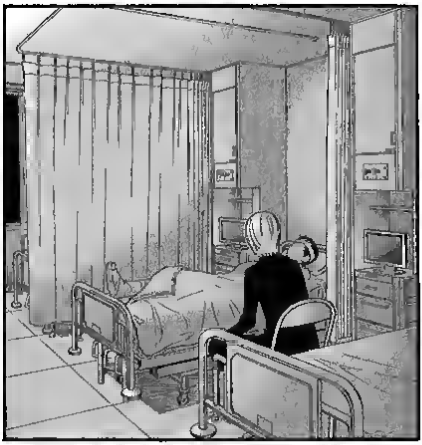
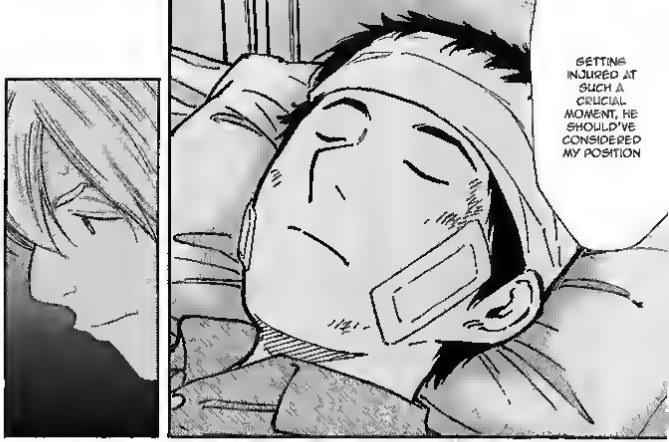

125 KIJIMA HIRO


...I'M SORRY FOR ALL THE TROUBLE HE HAS CAUSED
PLEASE TELL YOUR "YOUNGER BROTHER" TO BE MORE CAREFUL IN THE FUTURE




GETTING INJURED AT SUCH A CRUCIAL MOMENT, HE SHOULD'VE CONSIDERED MY POSITION

"HIROSHI! THINK IT THROUGH!"
"WE'RE PAST THE POINT OF ADMIRING OTHERS NOW... WE HAVE TO BE ON TOP!"
"ENOUGH. I QUIT. THERE, HAPPY?"
"WE CAN'T STAY KIDS FOREVER!"

IDIOT

BUT I DON'T THINK I EVER TOLD YOU WHY I CARE SO MUCH ABOUT "FLAIR"
WE'RE FLAIR BARTENDERS
FLAIR HAS THE CONNOTATION OF EXPRESSING ONE'S SELF
SELF... ME... I'VE ALWAYS SEARCHED FOR THE MEANING OF THOSE WORDS
DON'T STARE, LET'S GO!
MOM, LOOK AT HIM-
Squeak

EVEN I DON'T KNOW WHO I AM
TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE I ONLY KNOW HOW TO SPEAK JAPANESE
I KNOW THEY DON'T MEAN ANYTHING BY IT, BUT IT WAS STILL HURTFUL TO HEAR
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN CALLED A "FOREIGNER" BECAUSE OF MY HAIR AND EYE COLOR
FRIENDS AND FAMILY ALL ABANDONED ME. A PERSON LIKE ME ...
ONE ON THREE~
DAMN FOREIGNER, WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE!
YOU JUST TICK ME OFF!
I CAN'T STAND ANYONE INCLUDING MYSELF ... ALWAYS GET INTO TROUBLE
... MY BAD!
ONLY YOU STUCK BY ME
Heh
HOW COME YOU DIDN'T INVITE ME?
Snicker
Clang ... Clang ...
AKATSU, THIS LOOKS FUN ...

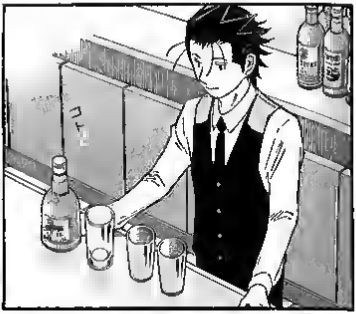
SO THERE YOU DON'T MEAN...
WHAT
IT'S REALLY NOT ENOUGH TO IMITATE FILMS WE NEED TO GO THERE IN PERSON
I WAS FIRST PLACE, AND YOU WERE SECOND
USA Flair Bartending competition
AND SO, WE ENTERED A COMPETITION IN LAS VEGAS
AND UNDERSTOOD WHAT IT MEANS TO EXPRESS ONE'S SELF
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE I HAD CONFIDENCE

YOU NEED TO LEARN TO GROW UP WE'RE BUSINESSMEN NOW
BUT WHAT COMES NEXT IS MORE IMPORTANT
I WILL CONTINUE TO OPEN NEW BARS AND HEAD TO THE TOP
YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER

I'M JUST AN IDIOT WHO DOESN'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING
HEAD TO THE TOP, GROW UP, KNOW BETTER
YOU WERE SO HAPPY BACK THEN...
I'M NOT SURE WHAT IT IS, BUT...
ONLY THING I KNOW IS THAT YOU CHANGED
NOW IT'S MY TURN
Hell's arms
FEW DAYS LATER

NO ... I'M SERIOUS IF I LOSE HERE, I WILL GIVE UP ON THE STOREFRONT IN KURAYA-MIZAKA
I DIDN'T THINK YOU TOOK THAT STOREFRONT BET SERIOUSLY LAST TIME
A PROFES-SIONAL BARTENDER CAN HANDLE TOUGH CUSTOMERS LIKE THAT
I WILL SAY IT'S RAD AND DISCUS-TING?
MAYBE, NO MATTER WHAT YOU MAKE ...
OKAY ..
I SEE THEN SHOW ME WHAT A TRADITIONAL BARTENDER IS CAPABLE OF!
THIS GUY!

POUR 60 ML OF HOT WATER INTO ONE GLASS



POUR THE SAME AMOUNT OF SCOTCH INTO THE OTHER
WHITE HOUSE

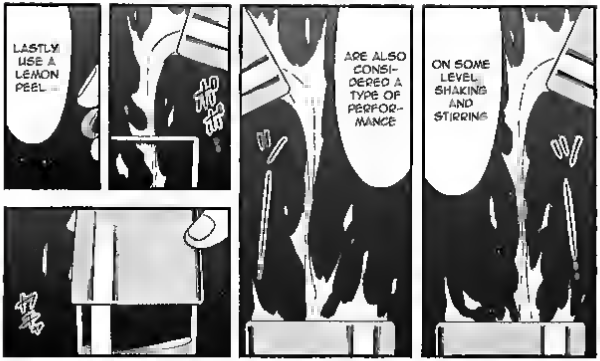
IS HE PLANNING TO

THIS COCKTAIL WAS CONCEIVED IN 1949 BY JERRY THOMAS, A BARTENDER IN SAN FRANCISCO

IS THIS REALLY OKAY-
PLEASE TURN OFF THE LIGHTS

FIRST LIT UP THE WHISKEY

IN THE PAST BARTENDERS WOULD USE DIFFERENT WAYS TO CONNECT WITH CUSTOMERS
DRIP THE BLUE FLAME INTO THE OTHER GLASS. THIS IS A HOT FLAIR PERFORMANCE


LASTLY, USE A LEMON PEEL...
ARE ALSO CONSIDERED A TYPE OF PERFORMANCE
ON SOME LEVEL, SHAKING AND STIRRING

THIS IS THE OLDEST FLAIR COCKTAIL IN THE BOOK
BLUE BLAZER
THE ORIGIN OF FLAIR COCKTAILS

AWE-
SOME-
SUC-
CESS-
PURPOSELY MAKING THE ORIGIN OF FLAIR COCKTAIL .. IN FRONT OF ME
MOVE!
HOW DARE YOU LOOK DOWN ON ME! I WOULDN T MIND IF AN AMATEUR PLAYED AROUND ..
BUT WHAT YOU JUST DID
IS AN INSULT TO FLAIR BARTEN-DING AND ME!
TAKE A GOOD LOOK!

THIS IS A REAL FLAIR BARTENDING PERFORMANCE!
SO
SO GOOD ...!

THIS IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A PRO AND AN AMATEUR. YOU WORKED HARD, BUT OUR SKILL LEVELS AREN'T EVEN CLOSE
TRUE... BUT I HAVE MY DETERMINATION AS A TRADITIONAL BARTENDER
TRY THE COCKTAIL I MADE EARLIER.
?
Gulp
THIS TASTE..!
I FIGURE THE ALCOHOL WOULD EVAPORATE AFTER IT'S BEEN LIT WHICH REDUCES THE LIQUOR'S STRENGTH
SO I ADDED 10 ML OF 120 PROOF RAW CASK WHISKY IN THERE

A TRADITIONAL BAR DOESN'T HAVE .. A ROWDY CROWD OR CUSTOMERS' SMILES THERE IS NO HAPPINESS
A FLAIR BAR DOESN'T HAVE ... COCKTAILS THAT CAN HEAL SOULS THERE IS NO SADNESS
CUSTOMERS' SMILES .... HAPPINESS
THEN ... DID YOU PRACTICE FLAIR BARTENDING JUST FOR THIS!?
IF YOU WANT BOTH, THEN COME TO MY BAR!
GO TO A TRADITIONAL BAR WHEN YOU'RE SAD. GO TO A FLAIR BAR WHEN YOU'RE HAPPY ..
NO, I DON'T HAVE MUCH
.. I DIDN'T THINK SASAKURA-SAN HAD ANY FLAIR BARTENDING EXPERIENCE. I'M SURPRISED

RISK EVERYTHING FOR ONE GLASS
THAT'S THE ONLY WAY TO GET A CHANCE AT A NEXT ONE
I'M ALWAYS WORRIED ABOUT WHAT COCKTAIL TO MAKE. I FEEL LIKE THE CUSTOMERS WON'T BE SATISFIED NO MATTER WHAT I MAKE
BUT I'M GLAD, ALTHOUGH IT'S A DIFFERENT TECHNIQUE, IT REMINDED ME OF HOW HARD I WORKED AS AN APPRENTICE
DON'T FORGET YOUR ORIGINAL INTENTION
THAT'S THE MOTTO OF MY FLAIR BARTENDING TEACHER

DON'T FORGET YOUR ORIGINAL INTENTION -
DO YOU KNOW WHAT COMES NEXT?
FLAIR BARTENDING IS ALL ABOUT FANCY MANEUVERS YOU CAN BE SO DRAWN IN THAT YOU FORGET THE CUSTOMERS EXIST
BUT FLAIR BARTENDING ONLY EXISTS BECAUSE OF THE CUSTOMERS
DON'T FORGET THE ORIGIN OF EACH MOMENT EVEN WHEN YOU GET OLD
... I SUPPOSE THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT STAGES OF ORIGIN
PERHAPS I FORGOT WHO I WAS THAT DAY...
THE DAY I FIRST PERFORMED FLAIR BARTENDING IN FRONT OF A LIVE AUDIENCE
I NEVER EXPECTED I STARTED OUT BY THROWING BOTTLES IN THE AIR LIKE WHAT THEY DID IN THE MOVIES

YEA, WE DON'T EVEN NEED TO TALK
THEY LOVE IT
He he
EVEN IF WE HAVE NO COMMON LAN
EVERYONE IS STILL SO HAPPY
Beautiful!
Great!

WHAT I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR WHAT I SEARCHED AND SOUGHT AFTER ISN'T A STOREFRONT OR BEING ON TOP
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR THE PERSON I WAS THAT DAY!
TRADITIONAL BARTENDERS ARE REALLY LIKE OLD GEEZERS THAT CAN'T KEEP UP WITH THE TIMES THAT'S AN UNDENIABLE TRUTH
BUT ...
HEH
AKATSU! ARE YOU OKAY? I CALLED THE BAR
AND THEY SAID YOU WERE HAVING A COMPETITION HERE ..
HIROSHI!
DID YOU COME ALL THE WAY HERE ... BECAUSE YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT ME?

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT!! DID YOU EVEN HAVE TO ASK?
THIS MATCH
I'VE LOST COMPLETELY

.....
IN A HURRY TO GET ON TOP, IN A HURRY TO CLIMB UP... WHY AM I IN SUCH A HURRY?
NO WAY
YOUR NEW BAR IN KURAYA-MIZAKA PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHEN IT'S OPEN FOR BUSINESS I'LL COME VISIT WITH THIS GUY
NO PROBLEM. THE BAR IS CALLED "EDEN HALL RET" YOU ARE WELCOME ANYTIME
OH, RIGHT IT'S STILL EARLY
BUT WILL YOU VISIT US WHEN WE OPEN OUR SECOND BAR?
THIS GUY IS THE NEW MANAGER
UH... MANA-GER?
YEP!
.....

ALTHOUGH FLAIR BARS AND TRADITIONAL BARS USE DIFFERENT TECHNIQUES THEY STRIVE FOR THE SAME THING

OUCH~

THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A BAR-TENDER
TO INSPIRE THE PERSON ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BAR COUNTER

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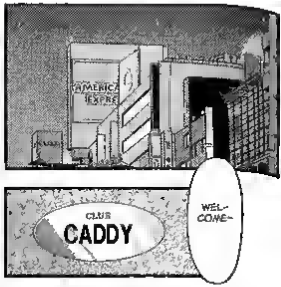
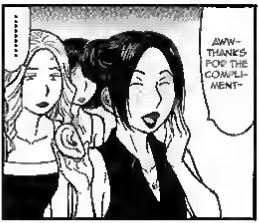
AYAKA IS SO HAPPY TO THE POINT WHERE
YOU CAME AS PROMISED♥


AMERICA EXPRESS
CLUB
CADDY
WEL-COME~

HER EAR GREW LARGE!


.....
AHH~ THANKS FOR THE COMPLI-MENT~

AYAKA'S TRICK IS STILL AS GOOD AS EVER ...
UH ...

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WELL... I DON'T KNOW HOW SHE IS WHEN SHE WAS YOUNG BUT SHE'S OLD NOW AND AYAKA IS A WILD NICKNAME
AWW~ MISTER, YOU LIKE AYAKA'S TYPE?
SHE'S THE OWNER OF THIS STORE?
RUMOR HAS IT SHE INHERITED BILLIONS
IT WAS ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO SHE MARRIED THIS DYING OLD MAN FOR HIS MONEY AFTER THE MAN PASSED,
RICH?
SHE'S ACTUALLY VERY RICH
HEY~ RUI, EMI
NO WONDER SHE CAN'T GET CUSTOMERS TO TREAT HER SUSHI AFTER WORK
CALLING US "A PLACE THIS TH'S" IS RUDE YOU KNOW? I HEARD SHE'S STINGY SHE EATS THE LEFTOVERS HERE FOR DINNER
OH, REALLY? IF SHE'S SO RICH, WHY IS SHE STILL RUNNING A PLACE LIKE THIS
AND SHE'S SO STRICT ON US~
SHE'S ALSO KNOWN AS THE "FOX OF GINZA" IF YOU DON'T WATCH OUT EVEN THE HAIR ON YOUR ASS WILL BE PLUCKED CLEAN~

BUT THIS LAND-LORD IS A BIT DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH
ABOUT THE COUNTER TOP USUALLY IT'S NO PROBLEM TO SWITCH IT EVEN IN A FURNISHED STORE
NEXT DAY
DID YOU CALL ME?
Smile
YOU MIS HEARD
NO-
DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH?
SHUT IT! DON'T SPEW NON-SENSE LIKE THAT!
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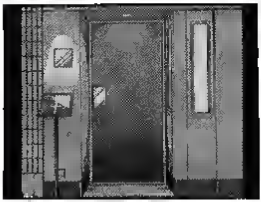
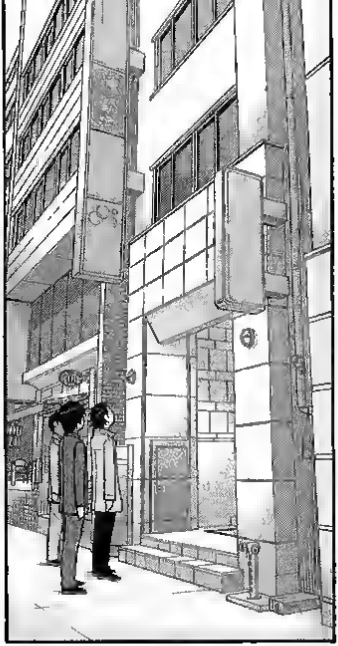
IN GINZA SHE'S KNOWN FOR BEING VERY STINGY... NO I MEAN COMPE-TENT
He he
SHE WAS PROMOTED FROM AN OLD GEEZER'S MISTRESS TO WIFE SHE INHERITED THE BUILDING AFTER THE HUSBAND DIED
GET SHE'S A WITCH-LIKE LADY!
WOW! ADULT'S WORLD!

OUR VERY OWN BAR. HOW EXCITING!





I'M BACK HERE AGAIN

SHE INSISTED IT'S A DONE DEAL...
YEA, BUT WHEN I MENTIONED THE BAR COUNTER
THAT'S PERFECT!
THE LANDLORD INSISTED THAT THE FIRST FLOOR IS USED FOR A BAR
WE CAN'T MAKE ANY DECISIONS!
MEANING BAR-TENDERS ARE JUST RENTERS
EITHER WAY SHE WANTED TO MEET. THAT'S WHY I ASKED YOU TO COME HERE TODAY
UM... I'M NOT SURE WHAT TO SAY EITHER.
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I CAME HERE DURING THE NIGHT LAST TIME, SO I DION'T NOTICE
HE HE HE

WHAT'RE YOU GUYS DOING? DON'T DO THAT!
STEP
THE DESIGNER MUST HAVE A DEEP UNDER-STANDING OF CARS
THE COUN-TER'S HEIGHT AND THE STOOL'S DISTANCE ~
IF YOU'RE GOING TO STEP THEN STEP ON THE PLASTIC. YOU'LL DIRTY UP THE FLOOR!
FOOT!
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YE YES!

I'M THE LANDLORD, NAME'S MURAKAMI
CLUB CADDY
美花
CADDY
COME TO MY STORE NEXT TIME IF YOU HAVE ANY ISSUES
Heh
BUT I'LL CHARGE YOU JUST THE SAME
Pissed
ACCORDING TO THIS RENTER'S APPLICATION YOU PREVIOUSLY WORKED AT A HOTEL BAR?
HOTEL BARTENDER'S BEHAVE LIKE WHITE-COLLAR WORKERS EVEN IF YOU START YOUR OWN BUSINESS IT WON'T LAST
WE'RE NOT
DOES THAT WORRY YOU?

I DON'T HAVE TIME TO WORRY ABOUT YOU. I'M WORRIED ABOUT THIS STORE
THANKS FOR WORRYING ABOUT US...
IN THE END YOU'LL EITHER RUN AWAY OR HANG YOURSELF. I DON'T WANT TO DEAL WITH THAT!
OF COURSE! TIMES ARE TOUGH IF YOU HAVE NO CUSTOMERS AND CAN'T PAY RENT...
MEANING YOU WANT TO TEST ME?
BUT A BAR STILL DEPENDS ON ITS BARTENDERS
THERE'S A JAPANESE RESTAURANT AND AN ITALIAN RESTAURANT UPSTAIRS. AND NO OTHER BARS IN THE AREA. IT'S A GREAT LOCATION
"BOTH FOX AND RACCOON CAN TURN INTO HUMAN, BUT EVERYONE HATES THE FOX. DO YOU KNOW WHY?
EVERYONE CALLS ME FOX
I ASSUME THE REALTOR TOLD YOU WHAT KIND OF PERSON I AM?
THAT'S RIGHT
Look
NO... WELL...

*NOTE REFERENCING A COMMON JAPANESE MYTH

IF YOUR COCKTAIL DOESN'T SATISFY ME, I WON'T BE RETURNING YOUR DEPOSIT

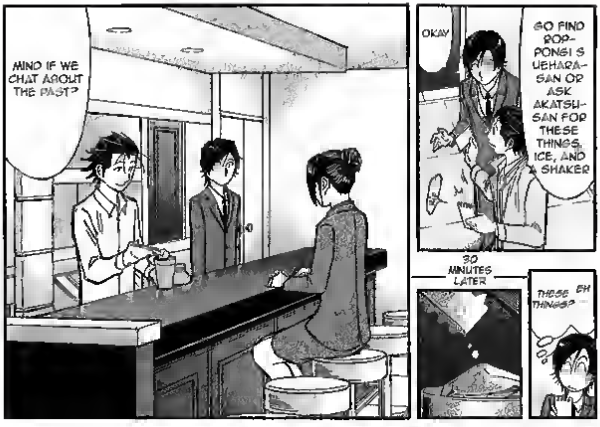
BECAUSE THEY NEVER EAT THEIR PREY'S FLESH, THEY ONLY SUCK ON THEIR PREY'S BLOOD

I UNDER-STAND

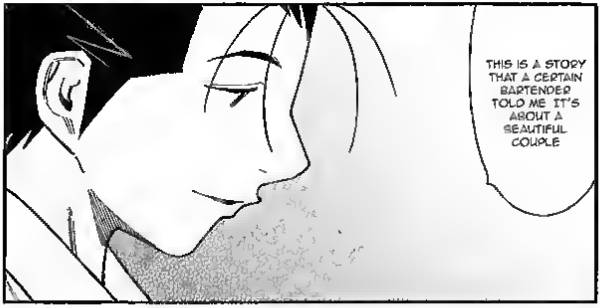
IF YOU ARE SATISFIED, I WANT TO CHANGE THE COUNTER TOP

BUT...

NO WAY- RECK-LESS!


MIND IF WE CHAT ABOUT THE PAST?
OKAY
GO FIND POP-PONSI'S UEHARA-SAN OR ASK AKATSUKI-SAN FOR THESE THINGS, ICE, AND A SHAKER
30 MINUTES LATER
EH THESE THINGS?

THE PAST?


THIS IS A STORY THAT A CERTAIN BARTENDER TOLD ME. IT'S ABOUT A BEAUTIFUL COUPLE

WILL VISIT ONCE A WEEK ALWAYS RIGHT BEFORE CLOSING
Bar・風
THESE TWO CUSTOMERS
THIS HAP-PENED MORE THAN 10 YEARS AGO ..
THE MAN WEARS A PLAIN WORKER'S OUTFIT
WOMAN IS FASHIONABLY DRESSED MOST LIKELY A CLUB HOSTESS WHO JUST GOT OFF WORK
IT'S AN INCREDIBLE COMBI-NATION
THESE TWO INDIVIDUAL'S AGE VARY GREATLY ALMOST LIKE FATHER AND DAUGHTER

THE BARTENDER WOULD SOMETIMES RECOMMEND ANOTHER DRINK, BUT THEY WILL ALWAYS RESPOND WI
THEY ALWAYS ORDER THE SAME DRINKS ONE GLASS PER PERSON
I WANT TO DRINK THIS COCKTAIL, AND REMINISCE ABOUT THE DREAMS I
THOUGH PEOPLE WILL SAY I'M SENTI-MENTAL
DON'T WORRY
JUST KEEP TRYING AFTER YOU'RE WELL AGAIN
HE WAS A CLASSIC AUTOMOBILE DEALER, A MAN WITH INFLUENCE

BUT WHEN HE STARTED VISITING THIS BAR, HE ALREADY HAD HEALTH ISSUES AND STOPPED WORKING
IT WAS SAID THAT THE WOMAN WHO CAME WITH HIM WAS THE ONE TAKING CARE OF HIM
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THE MAN PASSED AWAY NOT MUCH LATER
AFTER THAT THE WOMAN CONTINUED TO VISIT THE BAR BY HERSELF AND ORDER THE SAME DRINK AS BEFORE
I'M SURE SHE IS DEEPLY IN LOVE WITH HER HUSBAND
WHO IS THIS BAR-TENDER?
Shake ...

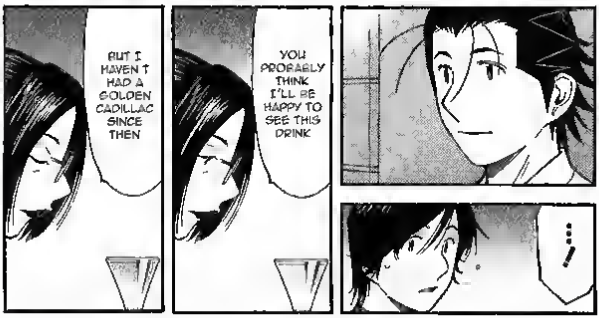
MY MASTER, KASE GOROU
KASE SAN IS HIS MASTER
NO, BECAUSE OF THIS DRINK
HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT CUSTOMER WAS ME? DID HE TELL YOU MY NAME?
WHAT I'M MAKING IS ..

AMONGST COCKTAILS THAT USE ITALIAN LIQUEUR GALLIANO, THIS IS THE MOST NOTABLE ONE

CADILLAC IS AMERICA'S MOST LUXURIOUS CAR BRAND THIS NAME SIGNIFIES THAT THIS COCKTAIL HAS THE MOST LUXURIOUS FLAVOR

*GALLIANO LIQUEUR 20 ML, CRÈME DE CACAO 20 ML, HEAVY CREAM 20 ML, THEN SHAKE

CHEERS!
TO THE BARTENDER WHO TRIUMPHANTLY TALKED ABOUT THE PAST.

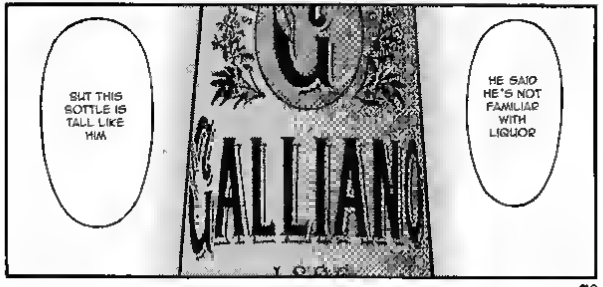

BUT I HAVEN'T HAD A GOLDEN CADILLAC SINCE THEN
YOU PROBABLY THINK I'LL BE HAPPY TO SEE THIS DRINK
...!

BECAUSE YOU CAN'T BRING BACK THE PAST
BUT THE OLD BOTTLES ARE VERY TALL, YOU CAN'T FIT THEM ON A SHELF
THIS BOTTLE OF GALLIANO MIGHT LOOK THE SAME ...
GALLIANO
HAVEN'T YOU NOTICED?
YOU WENT OUT OF YOUR WAY TO MAKE THIS COCKTAIL WITH THE OLD TALL BOTTLE?

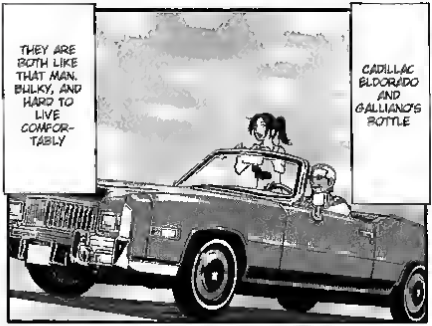
I THINK KASE-SAN MADE THEM WITH THE OLD BOTTLE

THE MORE RECENT BOTTLES ARE SHORTER AND THE TASTE IS ALSO SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT
GALLIANO
GALLIANO

HE LOVED THIS BOTTLE


BUT THIS BOTTLE IS TALL LIKE HIM
GALLIANO
HE SAID HE'S NOT FAMILIAR WITH LIQUOR

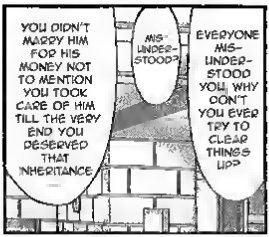
SOME CUSTOMERS CARE DEEPLY ABOUT A BOTTLE'S APPEARANCE


THEY ARE BOTH LIKE THAT MAN. BULKY, AND HARD TO LIVE COMFORTABLY
CADILLAC ELDORADO AND GALLIANO'S BOTTLE

Gulp

IT'S BEEN A WHILE A NOSTALGIC TASTE

BECAUSE MY HUSBAND IS A CADILLAC!


YOU DIDN'T MARRY HIM FOR HIS MONEY NOT TO MENTION YOU TOOK CARE OF HIM TILL THE VERY END YOU DESERVED THAT INHERITANCE
MIS-UNDER-STOOD?
EVERYONE MIS-UNDER-STOOD YOU. WHY DON'T YOU EVER TRY TO CLEAR THINGS UP?

ALL I DID WAS SPENT 10 YEARS TO TAKE BACK THE DREAMS OF THE MAN I DEEPLY LOVE WHICH IS THIS BUILDING AND CADDY
UNINHIBITED, FIERCE HANDSOME! SOMEONE LIKE HIM DOESN T DESERVE A STORY LIKE THAT!

WHEN I'M IN PAIN, I WOULD LOOK IN THE MIRROR AND SAY
TO PAY YOU BACK FOR THIS DRINK ALLOW ME TO GIVE YOU A GRAND OPENING GIFT!

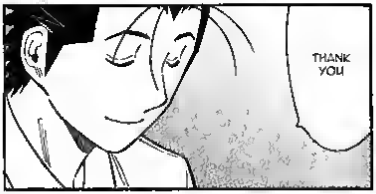
LITTLE BOY YOU BETTER WATCH OUT AS WELL
DOESN'T MATTER! A FOX'S JOB IS TO SWINDLE AND SUCK THE BLOOD OF THOSE WHO AREN'T CAREFUL

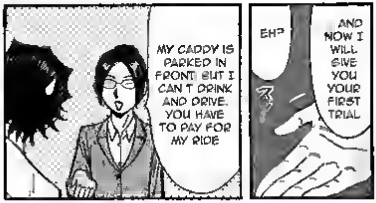
BUT PEOPLE CALL YOU A FOX ...

YES!

GOD WON'T GIVE US A TRIAL THAT WE CAN'T HANDLE YOU CAN OVERCOME IT AS LONG AS YOU BELIEVE IN YOURSELF
EVERY SINGLE EVENT IN LIFE NO MATTER HOW PAINFUL, HOW TRAGIC, OR HOW UNFORTUNATE, MUST HAVE A MEANING

FEW DAYS LATER





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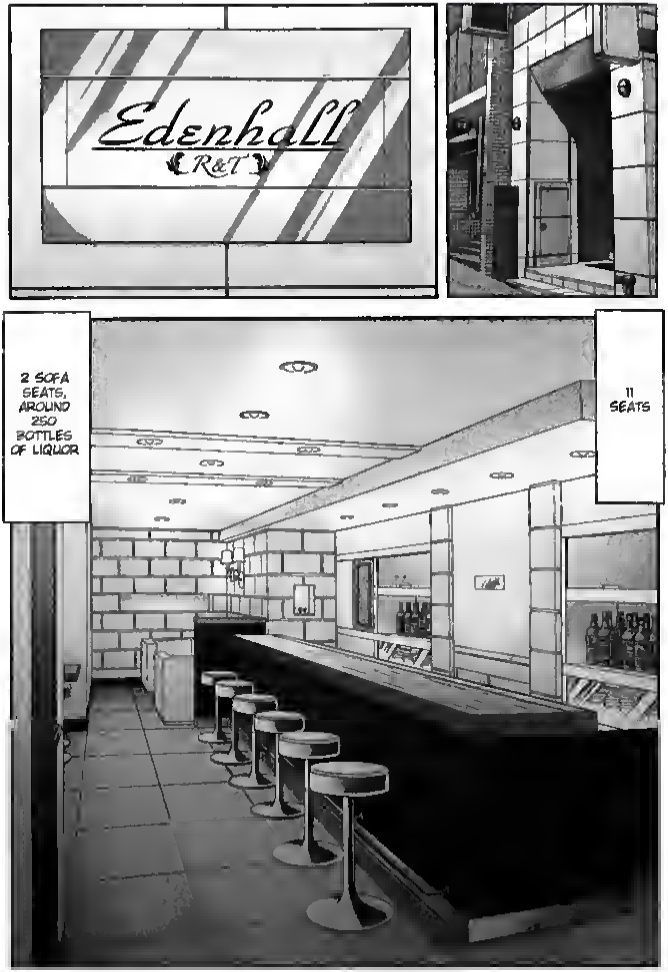

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A NEW BAR WILL FIRST DO A SOFT OPENING WITH RELATED PEOPLE
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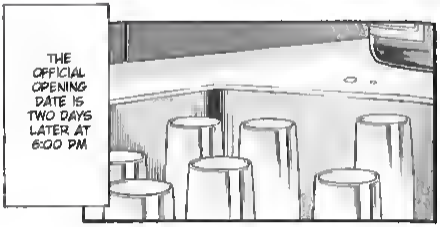

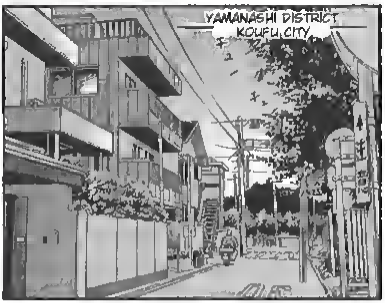

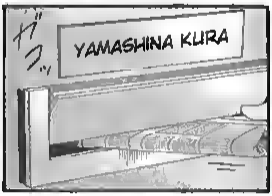

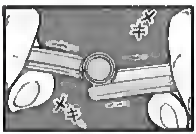

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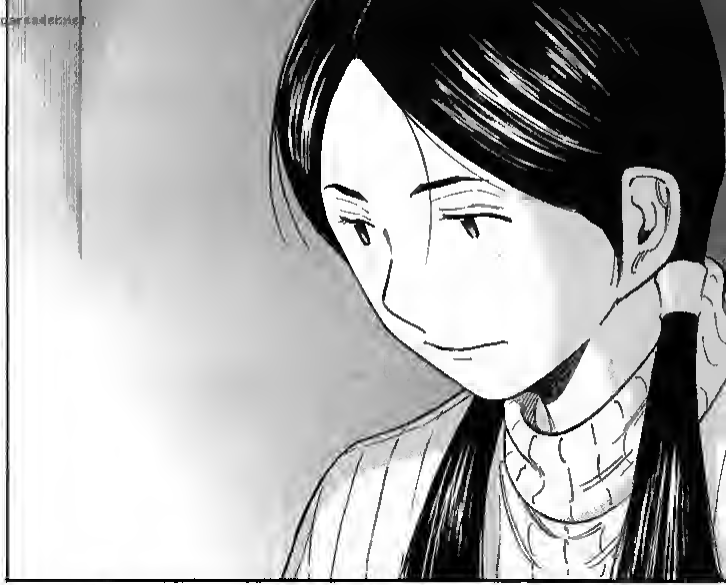

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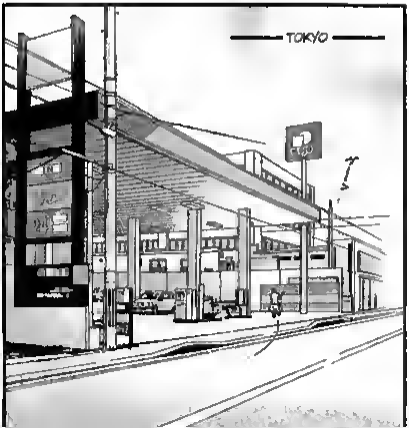

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I, IT WAS AN ACCIDENT~ I DION'T DO IT ON PURPOSE ...
YOU TOUCHED THEM, DION'T YOU?
THIS MAN'S A PERVERT HE TOUCHED MY BOOBS!
IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY, AND YOU WANT ME TO TAKE YOU TO TOKYO TOWER?
BETTER MAKE A PLAN FOR IT ...
THIS GIRL IS KIND OF STRANGE ...
!!!!!
ONE SEC ...
SIFF
YOU LOOK BORED ANY WAYS, JUST TAKE ME THERE
EH ...
IT'S NOT ABOUT MONEY
LOOK, I HAVE MONEY! I CAN PAY YOU, SO PLEASE!

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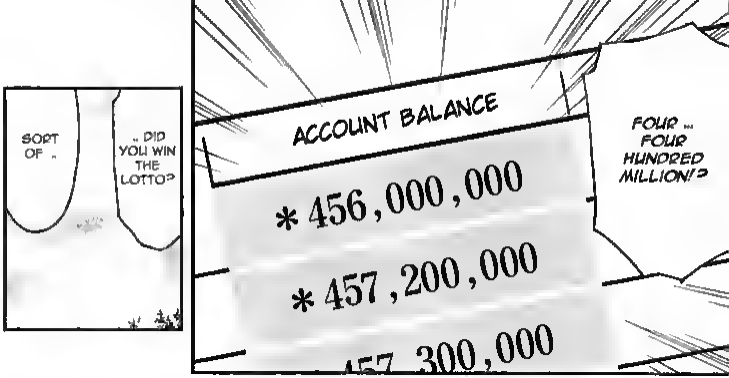

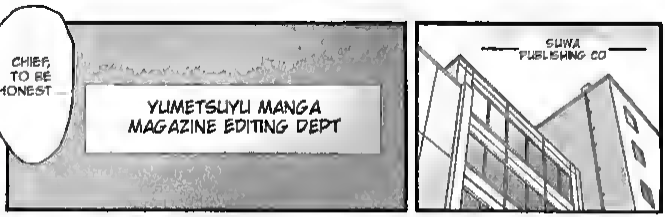

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TWO HOURS LATER
YES GOT IT ...
YOU DIDN'T TELL ANYONE THAT YAMASHINA KURA IS MISSING, RIGHT .. IT'S OVER IF THIS GETS ON THE WEB!
KU, KUWATA! WHAT'S A PHOTO-GRAPHER LIKE YOU DOING AT THE EDITING DEPT!?
AH ..!
YO! MINAGAWA, HAD TOO MUCH TO DRINK LAST NIGHT?
I'M ABOUT TO GET AN ULCER! I SEARCHED EVERY POSSIBLE PLACE ALREADY..
BLEH-
THIS DAMN PARA-RAZZI!
NO, NO-THING'S GOING ON
THAT'S WHAT I'M FEELING WITH MY SIXTH SENSE AS A FREELANCE PHOTO-GRAPHER
THE COMPANY IS FILLED WITH AN AIR OF ANXIETY TODAY, NOT SURE WHAT'S GOING ON-
EH ..
KUWATA, YOU'RE SHAKING

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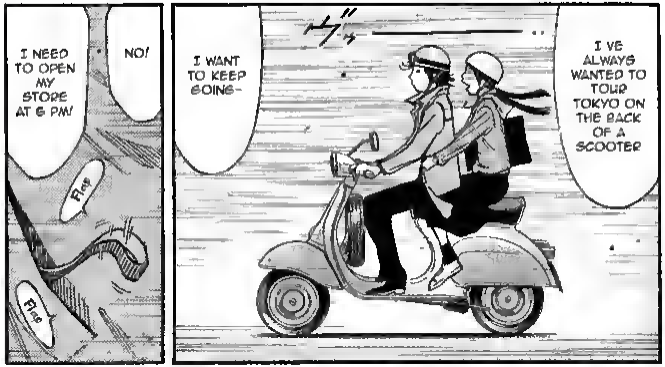
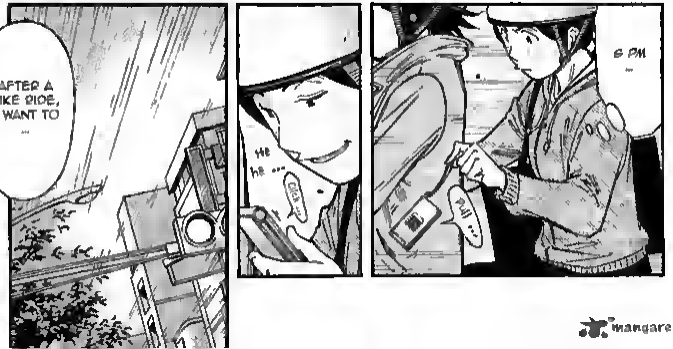
THIS IS A PICTURE OF HER AT THE AWARD CEREMONY?
IS THAT SOMETHING TO FRET OVER?
YAMASHINA KUPA IS MISSING..?
RESPONSIBLE FOR MORE THAN HALF OF SUWA CO'S EARNINGS!
..SOLD OVER 80 MILLION VOLUMES!
DO 19 YEAR OLD COUNTRY GIRLS LIKE THAT EVEN EXIST IN THIS DAY AND AGE ..
..THEY DO!





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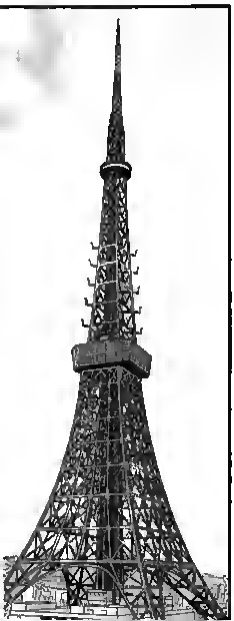
GO TO OMOTE-SANDOU'S HAIR SALON ...
Snap ...
Oh! It's open now!
THEN BUY TRENDY CLOTHES AT URA-HARAJUKU ...
Snap ...
AND EAT A CREPE ..
Snap ..
TRANS-FORM!
STOP MESSING AROUND! I'LL GET PULLED OVER FOR THAT ...
GO-! YOU'RE GOING TOO SLOW! GET AHEAD OF THAT COP CAR~



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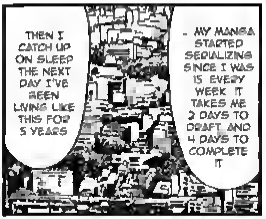
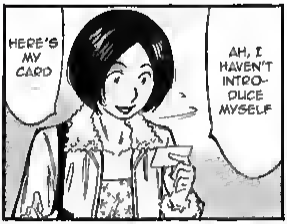
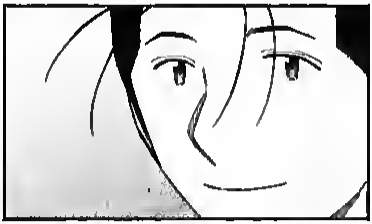
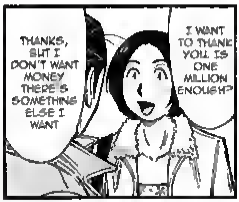
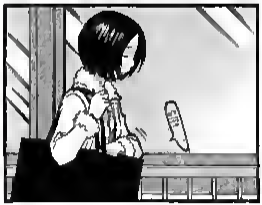

- MY MANGA STARTED SERIALIZING SINCE I WAS IS EVERY WEEK IT TAKES ME 2 DAYS TO DRAFT AND 4 DAYS TO COMPLETE IT
THEN I CATCH UP ON SLEEP THE NEXT DAY I'VE BEEN LIVING LIKE THIS FOR 5 YEARS









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MY MOM AND DAD BOTH CHANGED AFTER THEY SAW HOW MUCH MONEY I HAD THEY BOTH WANTED CUSTODY OF ME AND ENDED UP GETTING DIVORCED ..
WHEN I STARE AT THE DRAFT PAPER EVERY WEEK, I WOULD THROW UP IF I CAN'T COME UP WITH A PLOT I FEEL LIKE I'M GOING TO DIE EVERY MONTH
DON'T DO ANYTHING STUPID
I'M ALONE IN THIS WORLD
I WANT TO DIS-APPEAR DIS-APPEAR FROM THIS WORLD FOREVER
I CAN T TRUST ANYONE BECAUSE EVERY-ONE BETRAYED ME
NO, BUT IT S KIND OF SIMILAR MY JOB ISN T TO HEAL THE BODY, BUT TO HEAL THE SOUL
NATURE OF YOUR JOB .. ARE YOU A DOCTOR?
THERE IS ONE PERSON THAT WILL HAVE YOUR BACK AND THAT'S THE NATURE OF MY JOB
YOU HAVE TO LEARN TO BELIEVE EVEN IF THE WHOLE WORLD IS AGAINST YOU ..
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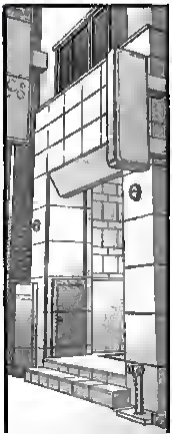
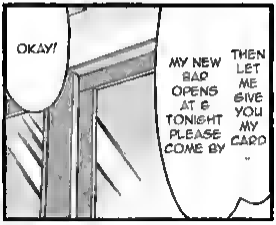
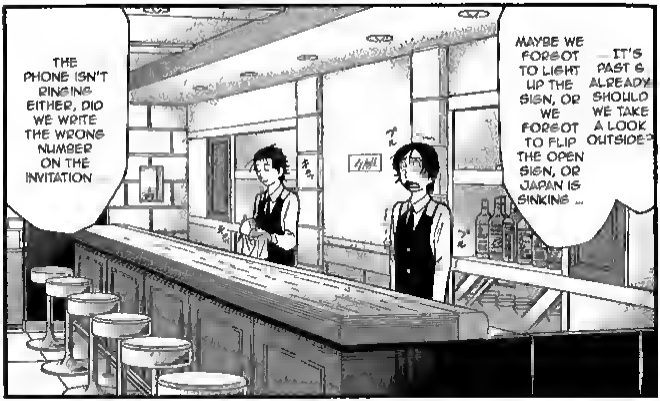




LOOK!
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT! ONLY ONE HOUR 'TIL OPENING!
REALLY-
EH ..
AH .. I JUST GOT HERE MYSELF, THERE'S STILL TIME
SORRY~, I'M LATE I RAN INTO SOME TROUBLE ON THE WAY

ONE HOUR LATER


THE PHONE ISN'T RINGING EITHER, DID WE WRITE THE WRONG NUMBER ON THE INVITATION
MAYBE WE FORGOT TO LIGHT UP THE SIGN, OR WE FORGOT TO FLIP THE OPEN SIGN, OR JAPAN IS SINKING ...
IT'S PAST 6 ALREADY SHOULD WE TAKE A LOOK OUTSIDE?

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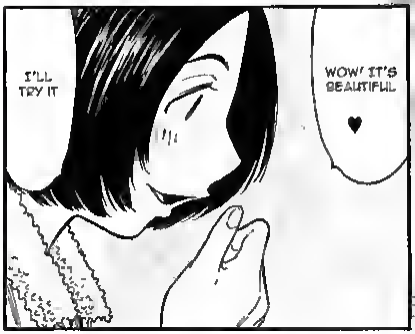
I'LL HAVE THAT, THANKS
OKAY

HM.. I DON'T KNOW HOW TO ORDER..
WELL.. IT'S A SPECIAL DAY, LET'S START OFF WITH A CHAMPAGNE-BASED BELLINI.. IT HAS GREAT COLOR AND IT TASTE GOOD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I'LL TRY IT

..ENJOY THIS IS BELLINI

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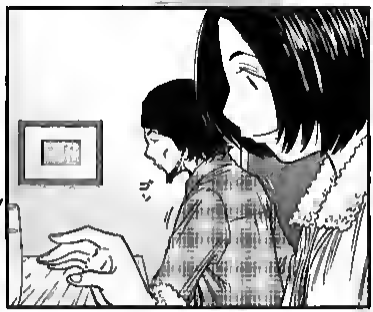

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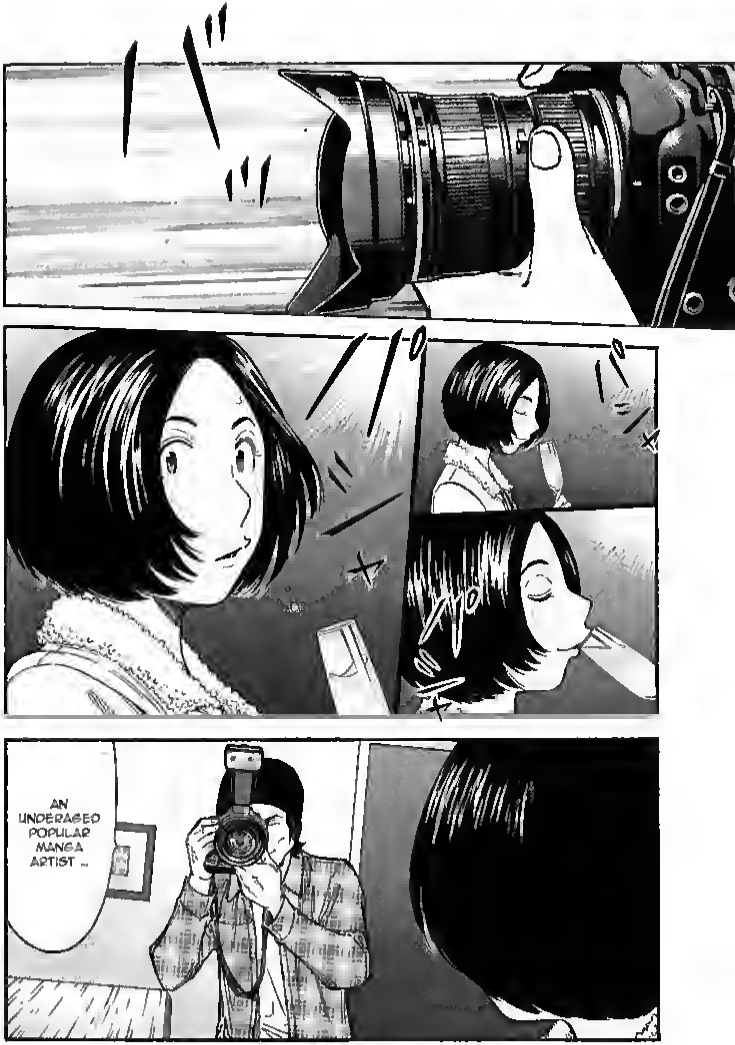

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... HOW DID YOU KNOW?
EH!?
TODAY IS HER 20TH BIRTHDAY, SO SHE IS NOT A MINOR
SUMMEMORATE
SO, THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ABOUT
MANY PEOPLE USE THEIR BIRTHDAY AS PART OF THEIR EMAIL ADDRESS, MAKES IT EASIER TO REMEMBER
IF YOU WANT PICTURES, DIDN'T YOU TAKE PLENTY TODAY?
HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS SECRETLY TAKING PICTURES .
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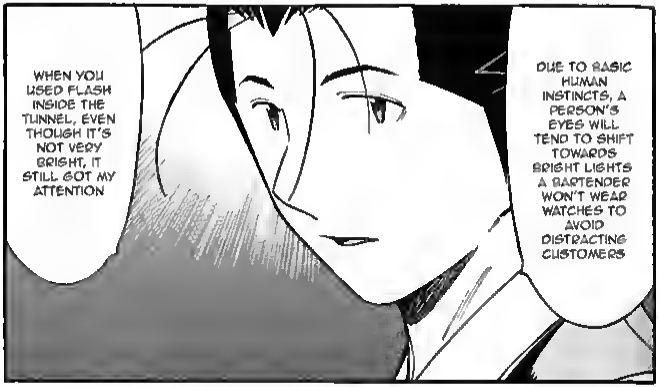
WHEN YOU USED FLASH INSIDE THE TUNNEL, EVEN THOUGH IT'S NOT VERY BRIGHT, IT STILL GOT MY ATTENTION
DUE TO BASIC HUMAN INSTINCTS, A PERSON'S EYES WILL TEND TO SHIFT TOWARDS BRIGHT LIGHTS A BARTENDER WON'T WEAR WATCHES TO AVOID DISTRACTING CUSTOMERS

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OKAY
TO APOLOGIZE, I'D LIKE TO TREAT HER A DRINK GIVE ME THE SAME THING
SOME PEOPLE SAY LIFE IS FULL OF SWEET, SOUR, SPICY, AND BITTER FLAVORS
A "SWEET" DESIRE, A "SPICY" MEMORY
AND A "BITTER" LIFE
FIRST LOVE IS BOTH "SWEET" AND "SOUR"
A PERSON'S TONGUE AND HEART BOTH GROWS FROM EXPERIENCING DIFFERENT FLAVORS
Clang
SAKE ALSO HAS A "DRY" FLAVOR AND FOOD HAS "SALTY" FLAVOR FIVE FLAVORS IN ALL

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AS FOR A BAR ..
STRAW-BERRY, GRAPEFRUIT, POME-GRANATE, LEMON, THESE FOUR FRUITS
SMIRNOFF
LASTLY, ADD LIQUOR, AND THAT'S FIVE FLAVORS
SHAKE THESE INGRE-DIENTS TOGE-THER
THIS COCKTAIL'S NAME IS THE FRENCH WORD FOR ..
"DEPARTURE"
A DRINK TO MOVE ON TOWARDS TOMORROW

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MIX THE FOUR FRUITS WITH VODKA TO FORM FIVE FLAVORS
IT'S A COCKTAIL KNOWN FOR ITS VIBRANT COLORS AND FLAVOR
RALLUCHONE
*VODKA 30 ML, STRAWBERRY LIQUEUR 30 ML, GRAPEFRUIT JUICE 30 ML, POMEGRANATE SYRUP 2 TSP, LEMON JUICE 2 TSP, THEN SHAKE

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DELICIOUS! DRINK THIS UP AND DEPART ON A NEW JOURNEY?
AH ..
I ALMOST FORGOT SASAKURA-SAN, TAKE OUT YOUR PHONE!
MY PHONE?
I MADE IT ONE HOUR FAST .. LET ME CHANGE IT BACK BECAUSE YOU WERE SO CONCERNED ABOUT TIME, SO I PLAYED A PRANK
WHAT .. !? SO THE REAL TIME IS ..
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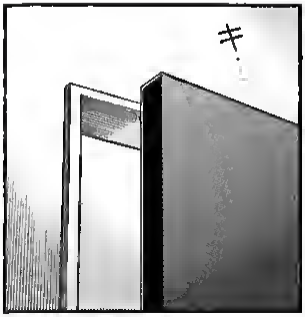

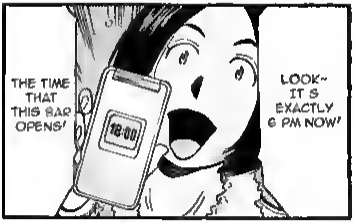

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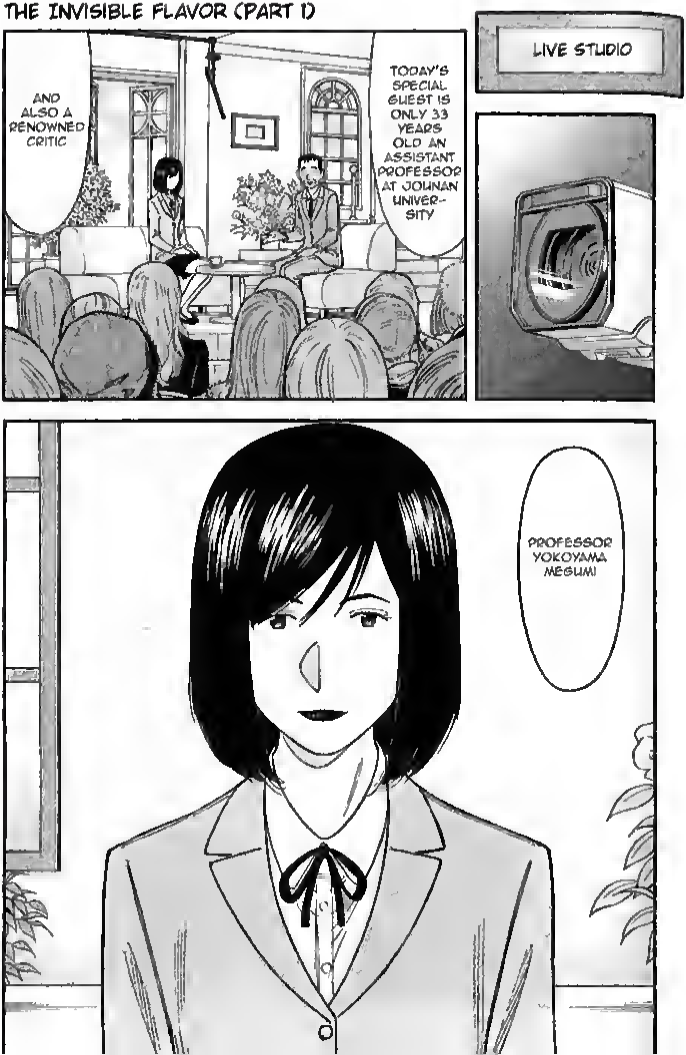
AND ALSO A RENOWNED CRITIC
TODAY'S SPECIAL GUEST IS ONLY 33 YEARS OLD AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AT JOUNAN UNIVERSITY
LIVE STUDIO
PROFESSOR YOKOYAMA MEGUMI

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THE INVISIBLE FLAVOR (PART 1)

YOU PREVIOUSLY CLAIMED THAT MANY OF TODAY'S PROBLEMS IN JAPAN ARE CAUSED BY BROKEN FAMILIES ..
YES A WARM, WHOLE FAMILY IS THE BASIS OF A PEACEFUL SOCIETY
FOR EXAMPLE, KIDS ARE PROUD OF AND RESPECT THEIR PARENTS, ESPECIALLY THE FATHER
I SEE
WE HAVE SEVERAL YOUNG MOTHERS FROM WATANABE HERE WITH US
LET'S SEE WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY
MA'AM, GO AHEAD
I HAVE A BABY~ BUT I CAN'T FIND A DAYCARE, SO I CAN'T WORK AND HAVE NO MONEY~ NOTHING TO BE PROUD OF HERE!
I'M A SINGLE MOTHER, WE DON'T HAVE A WARM FAMILY! IT'S COLD SLEEPING ALONE. HOW ABOUT YOU, PROFESSOR? HA HA HA!

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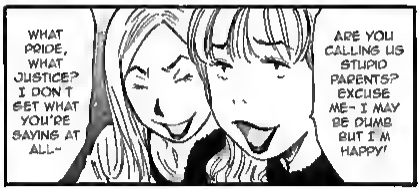
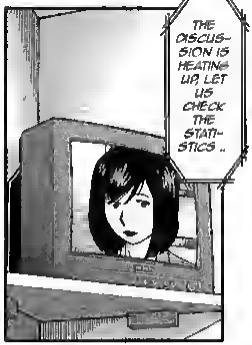
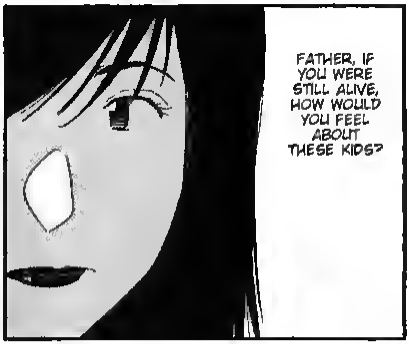
IT'S A VICIOUS CYCLE THAT WILL INCREASE POVERTY AND CRIME RATES IN THE END, JAPAN WILL LOSE IT'S SENSE OF JUSTICE AND PURITY AND EVENTUALLY BECOME A WEAK NATION
STUPID PARENTS LIKE YOU WHO LACKS SELF-CONTROL AND ACT RECKLESSLY HAVE KIDS BEFORE YOU ARE READY TO BECOME PARENTS YOUR KIDS WILL ALSO BECOME PARENTS IN THEIR TEENS


WHAT PRIDE, WHAT JUSTICE? I DON'T GET WHAT YOU'RE SAYING AT ALL~
ARE YOU CALLING US STUPID PARENTS? EXCUSE ME~ I MAY BE DUMB BUT I'M HAPPY!





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YOUNG, BEAUTIFUL, YET CONSERVATIVE MUST BE POPULAR WITH OLD PEOPLE
THIS PROFESSOR IS QUITE FAMOUS
I COME DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAINS FROM TIME TO TIME SOCIETY SURE HAS CHANGED
HE'S ALSO A BARTENDER? ANY GOOD?
YOU'RE A BARTENDER TOO
YOU'RE ANNOYING JUST DO IT YOURSELF!
OWNER- I'VE BEEN ASKING FOR A REFILL- YOUR SERVICE IS REALLY THE WORST IN JAPAN!
EH
クル…
SENPAI MAY LOOK SCARY, BUT HE'S A LAW-ABIDING CITIZEN LIVING IN CHICHIBU
THE OWNER'S SENPAI MUST BE DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH
Shock
STILL A LONG WAY TO GO! HE RECENTLY OPENED HIS OWN BAR SATOU-SENPAI, WHY DON'T YOU VISIT HIS BAR WHILE YOU'RE IN TOKYO?
Look

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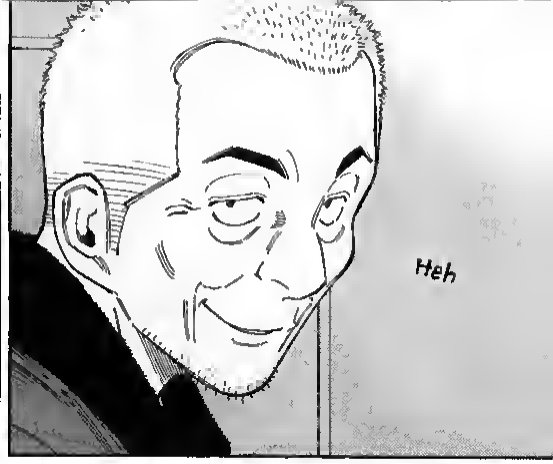

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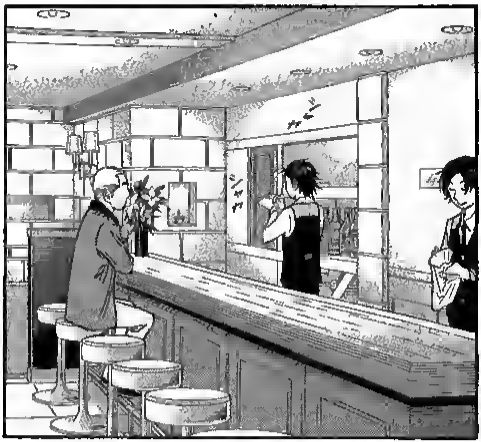

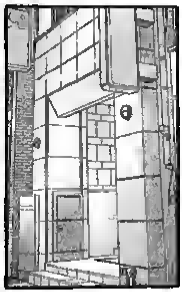

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ENJOY... THIS IS GIN FIZZ
A WONDERFUL BALANCE OF SOUR AND SWEET A SOLID CONSTRUCT OF FLAVORS, VERY DELICIOUS
YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD

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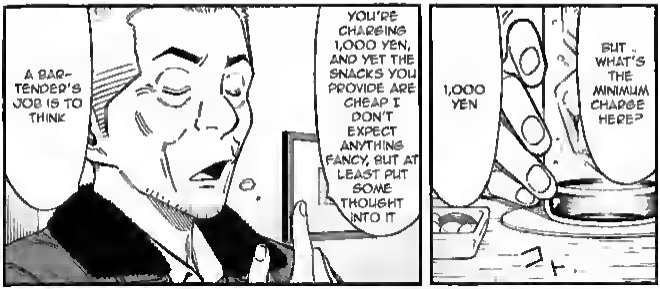
A BAR-TENDER'S JOB IS TO THINK
YOU'RE CHARGING 1,000 YEN, AND YET THE SNACKS YOU PROVIDE ARE CHEAP I DON'T EXPECT ANYTHING FANCY, BUT AT LEAST PUT SOME THOUGHT INTO IT
1,000 YEN
BUT... WHAT'S THE MINIMUM CHARGE HERE?

THIS CUSTOMER IS SO STRICT HE'S JUST AN ORDINARY PERSON BUT HE'S SO ACCUSTOMED TO THE BAR CULTURE
OKAY
YOU'RE A BAR-TENDER DON'T TALK BACK!
THE BAR JUST OPENED AND IT'S BEEN BUSY WE HAVEN'T HAD TIME

SAME HERE
WHISKY WITH WATER
HAVE A SEAT
AND A GLASS OF MILK NO MATTER WHERE THE PROFESSOR GOES SHE ONLY DRINKS MILK
YOU CAN'T DRINK ALCOHOL?
ENJOY ... HERE'S YOUR MILK
FORGIVE ME FOR BEING A KILLJOY I CAN DRINK, BUT MY DECEASED FATHER WAS A DEVOUT CHRISTIAN
I ONLY DRINK MILK IN FRONT OF OTHERS
OKAY

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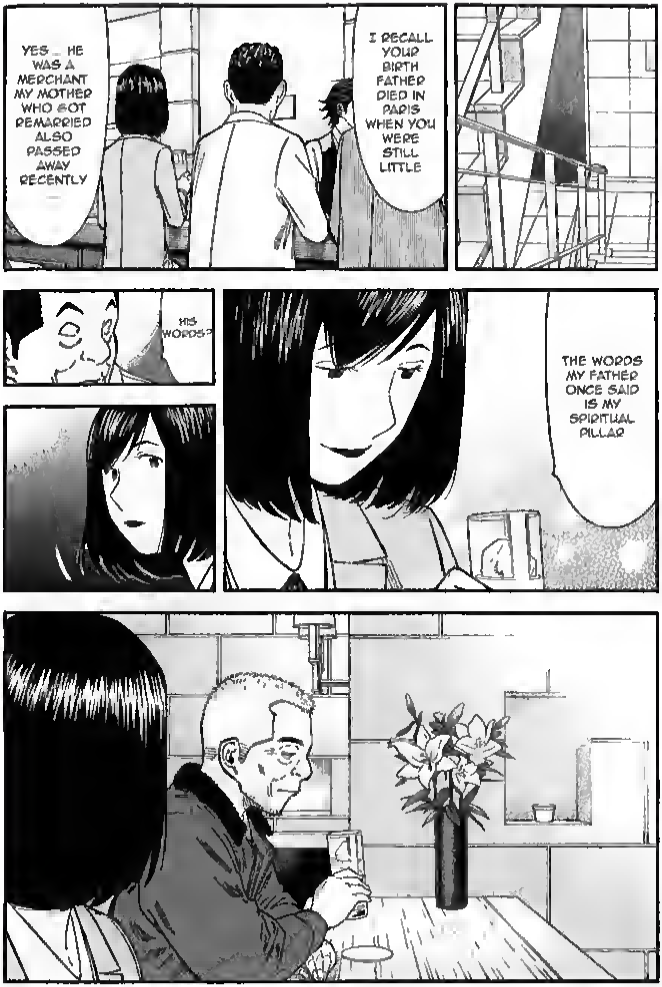
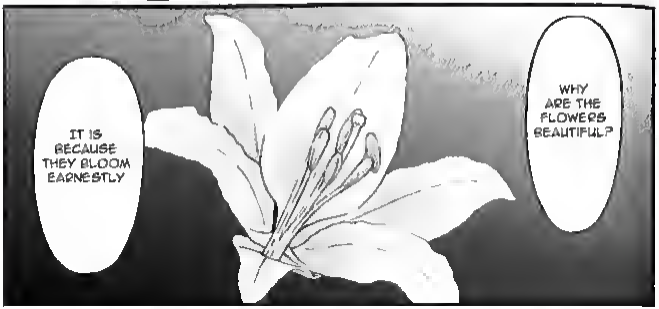
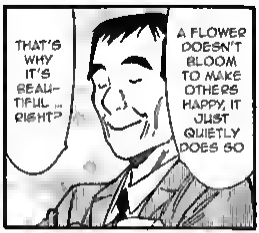
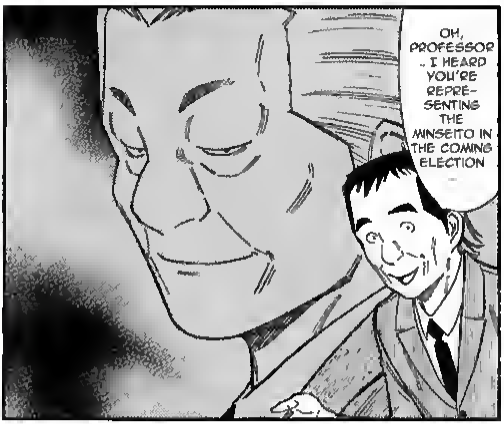
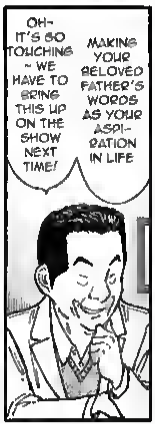

YES... HE WAS A MERCHANT MY MOTHER WHO GOT REMARRIED ALSO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY
I RECALL YOUR BIRTH FATHER DIED IN PARIS WHEN YOU WERE STILL LITTLE
HIS WORDS?
THE WORDS MY FATHER ONCE SAID IS MY SPIRITUAL PILLAR



THOSE ARE THE WORDS MY FATHER LEFT ME HE PASSED AWAY WHEN I WAS 3 YEARS OLD
SINCERELY, WITHOUT A SHRED OF HYPOCRISY .. I WANT TO LIVE MY LIFE LIKE THAT






MAKING YOUR BELOVED FATHER'S WORDS AS YOUR ASPI-RATION IN LIFE
OH~ IT'S SO TOUCHING ~ WE HAVE TO BRING THIS UP ON THE SHOW NEXT TIME!

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I DID MEET WITH CONGRESSMAN SOUMA. HE'S THE ONE WHO TOLD THE MEDIA ABOUT THIS, BUT I HAVEN'T DECIDED ...
HOWEVER, HE DOES UNDERSTAND MY STANDPOINT, THAT I STRIVE FOR A WARM, WHOLE FAMILY

A BEAUTIFUL CONGRESS WOMAN IS BORN! WE WILL SUPPORT YOU, HA HA HA!
WE EXPECT GREAT THINGS!
THANK YOU
EXCUSE ME, THERE ARE OTHERS HERE, PLEASE BE MINDFUL ...
AH ... SORRY

I'M VERY SORRY
THEN LET'S CALL IT A NIGHT WANT TO HEAD TO ROPPONGI? THEY HAVE A NEW HOSTESS
SURE!
CHECK PLEASE, WE'LL NEED THE RECEIPT
OKAY

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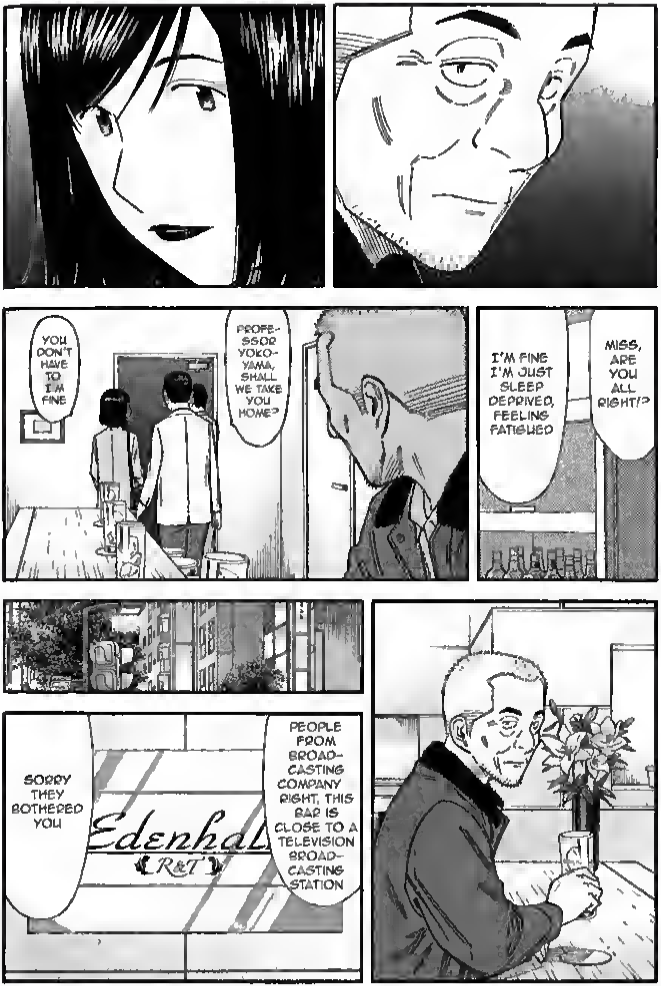
MISS, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!?
I'M FINE I'M JUST SLEEP DEPRIVED, FEELING FATIGUED
PROFE-SSOR YOKO-YAMA, SHALL WE TAKE YOU HOME?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO I'M FINE
PEOPLE FROM BROAD-CASTING COMPANY RIGHT, THIS BAR IS CLOSE TO A TELEVISION BROAD-CASTING STATION
SORRY THEY BOTHERED YOU
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WHY ARE COCKTAILS ORIGINATED FROM AMERICA? AND WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE AMERICA?
I WONDER IF YOU TWO BARTENDERS KNOW THE ANSWER-
THEN — NOW THAT THEY'RE GONE BEFORE I ORDER MY SECOND DRINK, I HAVE A QUIZ FOR YOU
WHAT QUIZ?
HE REALLY IS HARD TO DEAL WITH
PEOPLE COULDN'T FREELY PURCHASE ALCOHOL, SO THEY TURNED WHATEVER CHEAP LIQUOR THEY HAD INTO COCKTAILS TO MAKE IT DELICIOUS
BECAUSE OF PROHIBITION, RIGHT?
EH -
OKAY YOU GO
HOWEVER, THIS ONLY MADE SMUGGLING OF ALCOHOL EVEN MORE RAMPANT. THE TENSION BETWEEN MAFIAS ALSO WORSENED. I GOT THIS FROM THE MOVIE, THE UNTOUCHABLES
VOLSTEAD ACT - IN THE 1900'S, THE AMERICAN GREAT DEPRESSION LEAD TO LAWS THAT FORBID MAKING, SELLING, TRANSPORTING, IMPORTING, AND EXPORTING OF ALCOHOL

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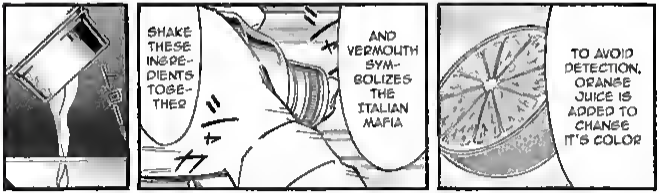
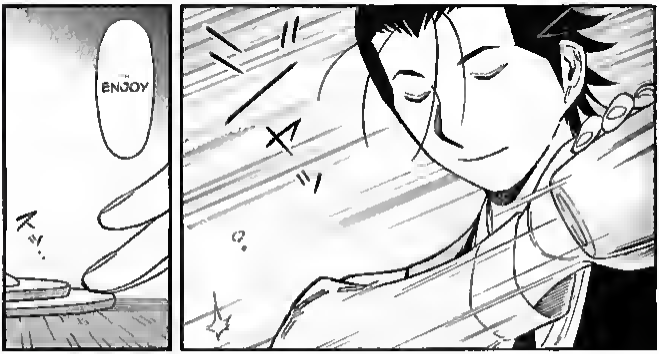
OH- THAT'S GREAT, BUT I THINK EVERY BAR-TENDER KNOWS THAT
THIS LAW WAS CALLED THE "NOBLE EXPERI-MENT", BUT NOTHING GOOD CAME OF IT
ON FEBRUARY 14, THE INFAMOUS ST VALENTINE'S DAY MASSACRE TOOK PLACE, AND PROHIBITION ENDED ABOUT 14 YEARS AFTER IT WAS PUT IN PLACE
PLEASE MAKE THAT FOR ME
A COCKTAIL WAS MADE DURING THAT PERIOD, WHICH COULD BE CONSIDERED THE ORIGIN OF COCKTAILS
SURE
EH?

※ BATHTUB GIN: A POOR-QUALITY GIN MADE WITH JUNIPER BERRY JUICE AND GLYCERIN. THIS IS COMMONLY MADE IN A BATHTUB


SHAKE THESE INGRE-DIENTS TOGE-THER
AND VERMOUTH SYM-BOLIZES THE ITALIAN MAFIA
TO AVOID DETECTION, ORANGE JUICE IS ADDED TO CHANGE IT'S COLOR



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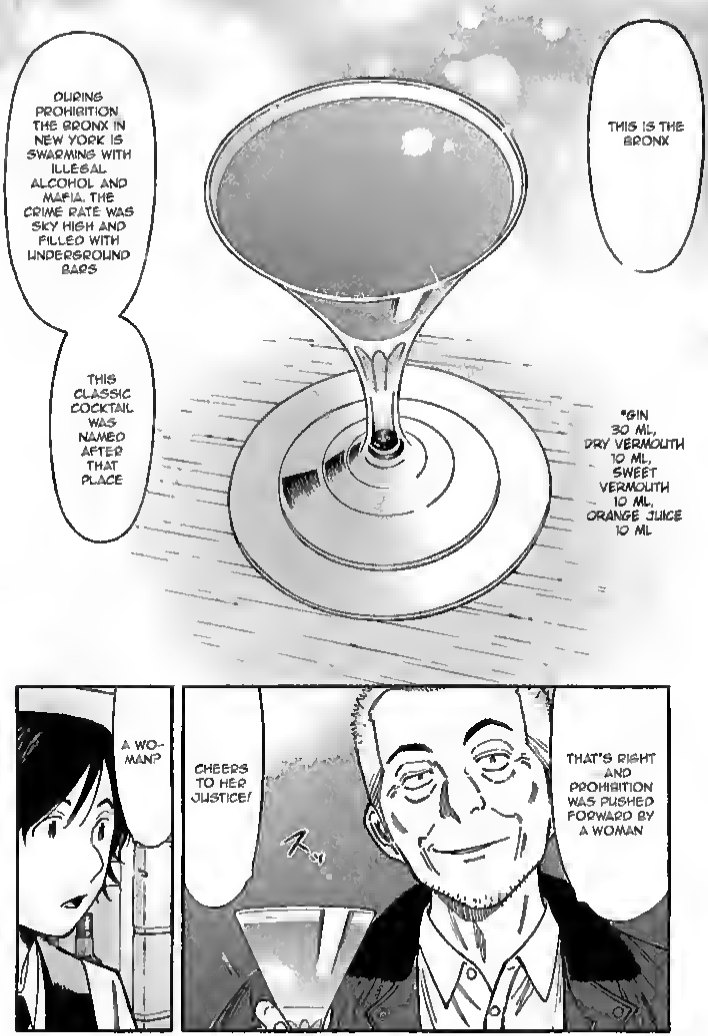
THIS IS THE BRONX
DURING PROHIBITION THE BRONX IN NEW YORK IS SWARMING WITH ILLEGAL ALCOHOL AND MAFIA. THE CRIME RATE WAS SKY HIGH AND FILLED WITH UNDERGROUND BARS
THIS CLASSIC COCKTAIL WAS NAMED AFTER THAT PLACE
*GIN 30 ML, DRY VERMOUTH 10 ML, SWEET VERMOUTH 10 ML, ORANGE JUICE 10 ML
A WO-MAN?
CHEERS TO HER JUSTICE!
THAT'S RIGHT AND PROHIBITION WAS PUSHED FORWARD BY A WOMAN

THAT PERSON WAS CARRY A NATION
SHE RECEIVED GUIDANCE FROM GOD, WHO TOLD HER ALCOHOL IS THE "DEVIL'S BREW" AND IT WILL DESTROY THE SOUL AND SO SHE HELD A HATCHET IN HER RIGHT HAND
AND A BIBLE IN HER LEFT, AND DESTROYED TAVERNS WHILE SINGING HYMNS
BUT ..
THAT'S RIGHT THE TAVERNS SHE TOOK DOWN ACTUALLY USED HER TO ADVERTISE DISTILLERIES EVEN NAMED LIQUOR AFTER HER
AND POLI-TICIANS USED THE VOLSTEAD ACT
YOU CAN ALSO ARGUE THAT THE MEDIA AND POLITICIANS EXPLOITED HER SENSE OF JUSTICE

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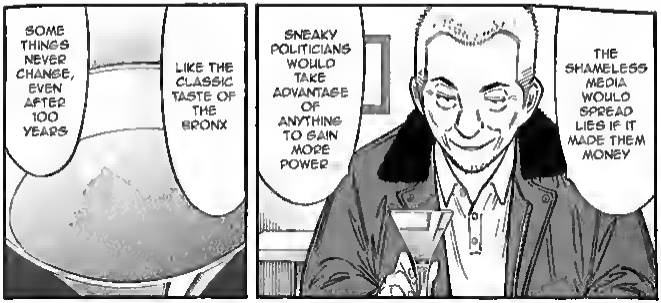
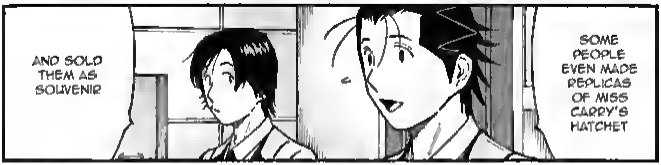
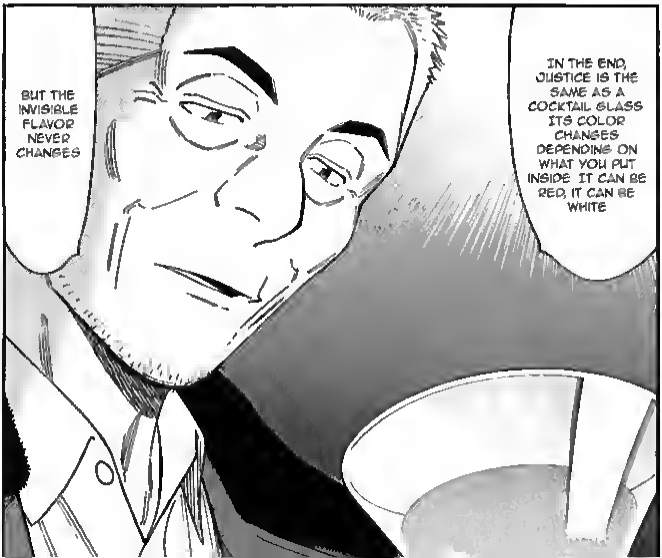

SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE, EVEN AFTER 100 YEARS
LIKE THE CLASSIC TASTE OF THE BRONX
SNEAKY POLITICIANS WOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANYTHING TO GAIN MORE POWER
THE SHAMELESS MEDIA WOULD SPREAD LIES IF IT MADE THEM MONEY




BUT THE INVISIBLE FLAVOR NEVER CHANGES
IN THE END, JUSTICE IS THE SAME AS A COCKTAIL GLASS ITS COLOR CHANGES DEPENDING ON WHAT YOU PUT INSIDE IT CAN BE RED, IT CAN BE WHITE

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AND HIDDEN DEEP WITHIN SWEET FLAVOR - IS IMMORALITY THAT'S AS BITTER AS CHEAP GIN
HATRED BEHIND A SMILE, BETRAYAL WITHIN SINCERITY, ANGER FROM SUBORDI-NATION ...
THE INVI-SIBLE FLA-VOR?
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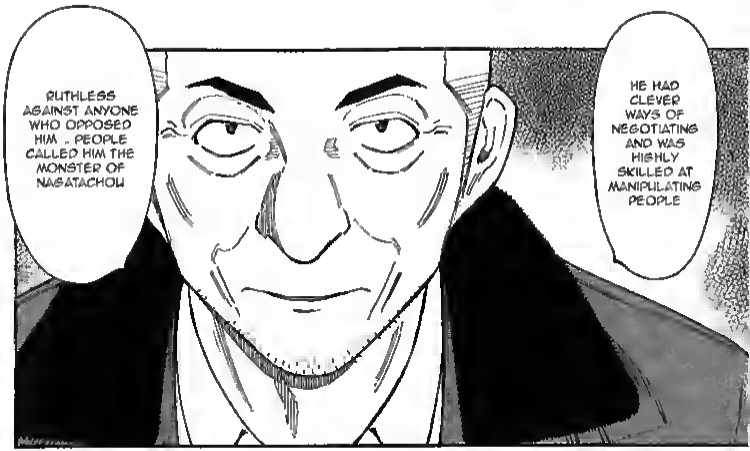
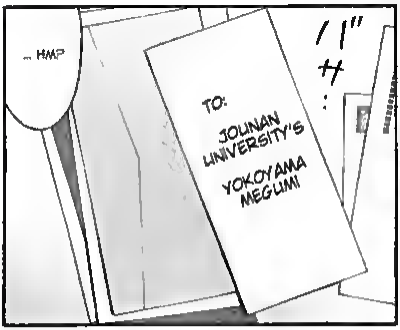
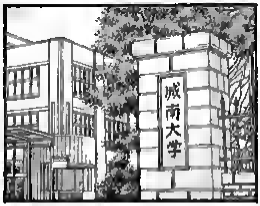
YOU - KNEW MY FATHER?
I HEARD FROM KACHIDOKI-BASHI S OGURA, THAT YOU ARE THE SON OF THE DECEASED CONGRESSMAN SASAKURA GENICHI


RUTHLESS AGAINST ANYONE WHO OPPOSED HIM .. PEOPLE CALLED HIM THE MONSTER OF NAGATACHOU
HE HAD CLEVER WAYS OF NEGOTIATING AND WAS HIGHLY SKILLED AT MANIPULATING PEOPLE

NEXT DAY





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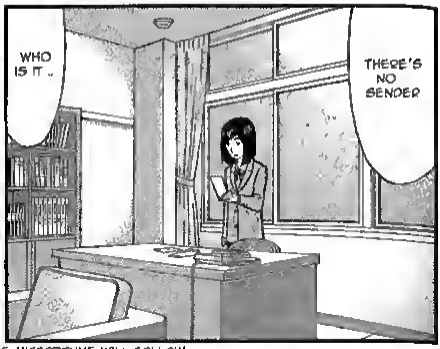
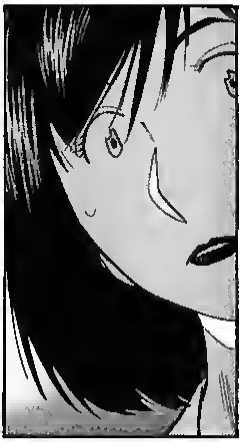


* DO NOT ENTER THE ELECTION, OR ELSE MISFORTUNE WILL FOLLOW



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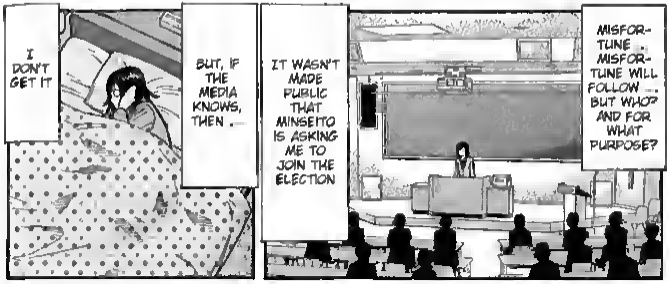
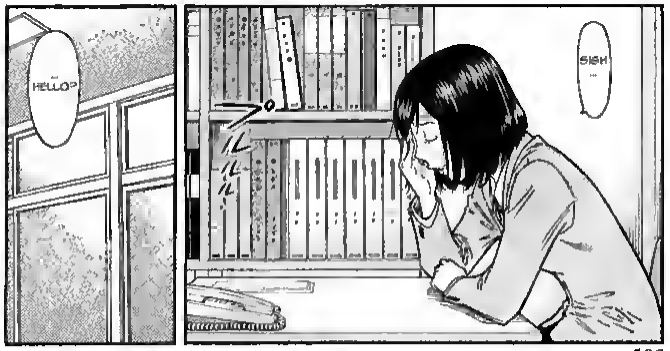

I DON'T GET IT
BUT, IF THE MEDIA KNOWS, THEN...
IT WASN'T MADE PUBLIC THAT MINSEITO IS ASKING ME TO JOIN THE ELECTION
MISFORTUNE... MISFORTUNE WILL FOLLOW... BUT WHO? AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE?

FEW DAYS LATER



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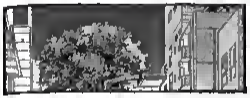
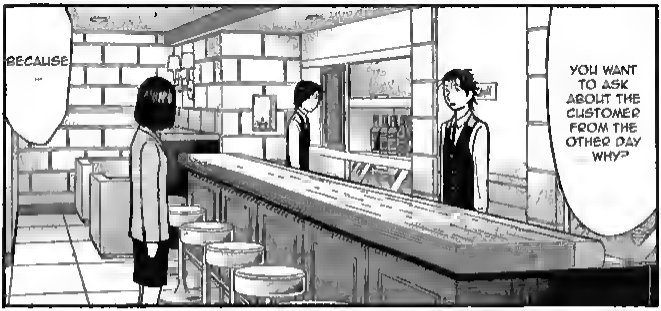
DID YOU RECEIVE THE LETTER?
"FOR WHAT IS SEEN IS TEMPORARY BUT WHAT IS UNSEEN IS ETERNAL"
THERE'S THIS VERSE IN THE BIBLE
"NEW TESTAMENT 2 CORINTHIANS

IT'S NOT A THREAT. JUST A WARNING
WHO ARE YOU!? WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY UNSEEN? WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO SAY? WHY ARE YOU THREATENING ME? WHAT DO YOU WANT...
Shock





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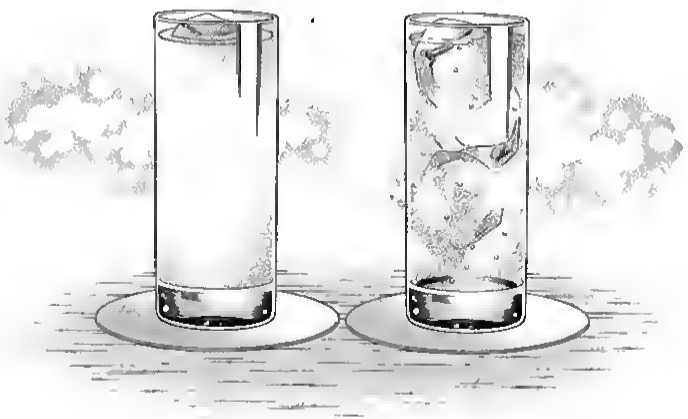
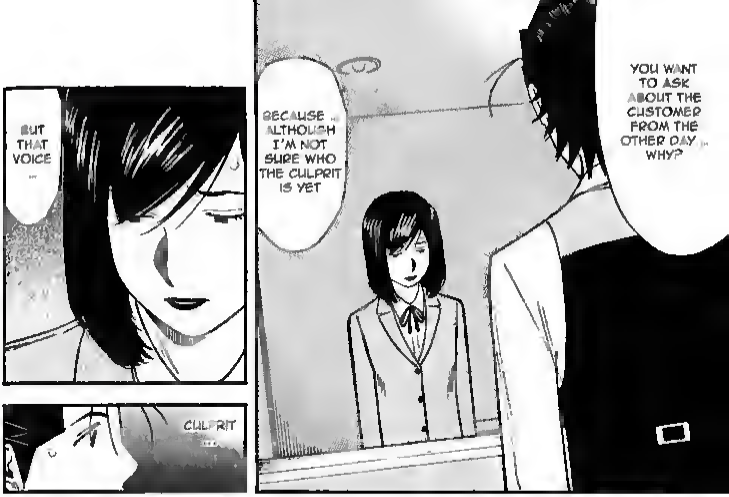
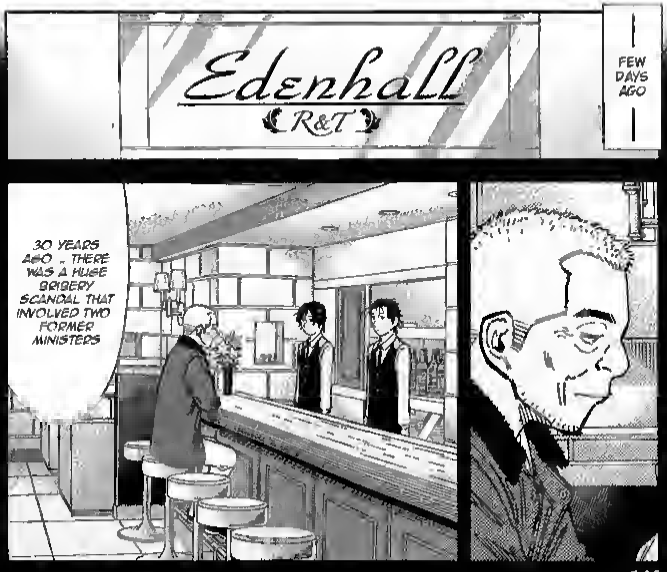



YOU WANT TO ASK ABOUT THE CUSTOMER FROM THE OTHER DAY ... WHY?
BECAUSE ... ALTHOUGH I'M NOT SURE WHO THE CULPRIT IS YET
BUT THAT VOICE ...
CULPRIT ...


FEW DAYS AGO
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R&T
30 YEARS AGO ... THERE WAS A HUGE BRIBERY SCANDAL THAT INVOLVED TWO FORMER MINISTERS

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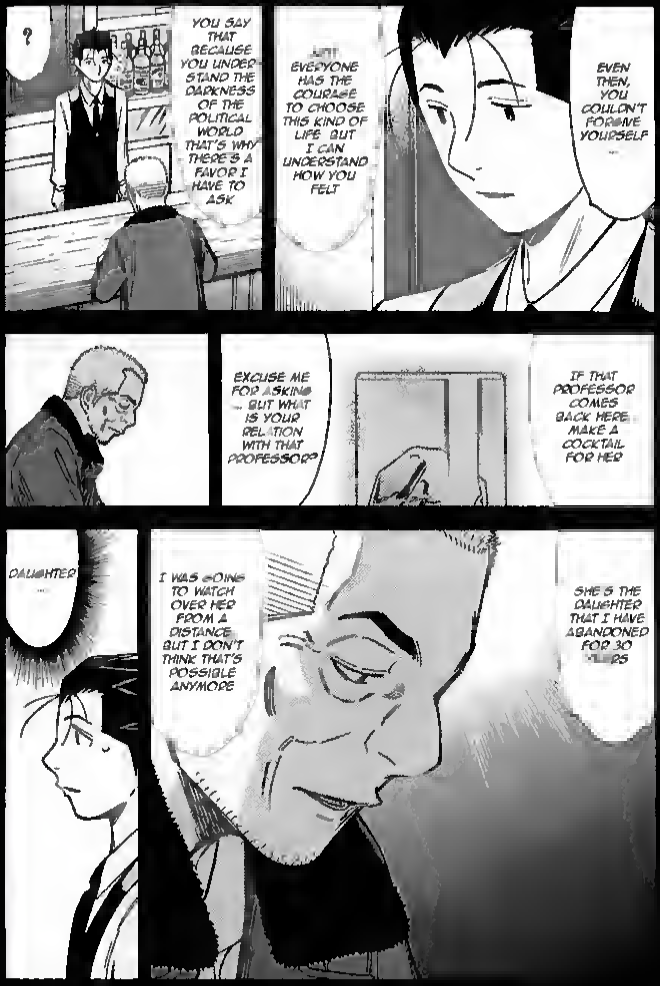
ONE OF THE SECRETARIES GOT ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF ACCEPTING BRIBES. THE OTHER SUICIDED WITH ALL THE SECRETS
MINISTER ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF BRIBERY
SECRETARY JUMPED OFF A BUILDING
THE TRUTH IS IN THE WIND
A BRIBERY SCANDAL...
I WAS THE SURVIVOR
I ABANDONED MY FAMILY PACKED A BIBLE AND A HOE AND WENT TO LIVE IN THE MOUNTAINS. I LEFT MY WIFE AND DAUGHTER, WHO KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THIS, WITH A HEAP OF PROBLEMS. I KNOW THEY MUST HATE ME
I USED TO THINK THE SAME WAY AS MY FATHER. I KNEW THAT BEING A SECRETARY HAD ITS RISKS, BUT I AGONIZED OVER MY COWORKER'S DEATH. TO THE POINT WHERE I BELIEVE I SHOULD'VE DIED INSTEAD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YOU SAY THAT BECAUSE YOU UNDERSTAND THE DARKNESS OF THE POLITICAL WORLD. THAT'S WHY THERE'S A FAVOR I HAVE TO ASK
...BUT EVERYONE HAS THE COURAGE TO CHOOSE THIS KIND OF LIFE. BUT I CAN UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FELT
EVEN THEN, YOU COULDN'T FORGIVE YOURSELF
EXCUSE ME FOR ASKING... BUT WHAT IS YOUR RELATION WITH THAT PROFESSOR?
IF THAT PROFESSOR COMES BACK HERE, MAKE A COCKTAIL FOR HER
DAUGHTER
I WAS GOING TO WATCH OVER HER FROM A DISTANCE, BUT I DON'T THINK THAT'S POSSIBLE ANYMORE
SHE'S THE DAUGHTER THAT I HAVE ABANDONED FOR 30 YEARS

I EVEN WENT AS FAR AS ABANDONING MY FAMILY FOR A LIFE OF ATONEMENT AND PRAYER BUT IF THIS GOES ON ALL MY EFFORTS WILL BE IN VAIN... I BEG YOU!

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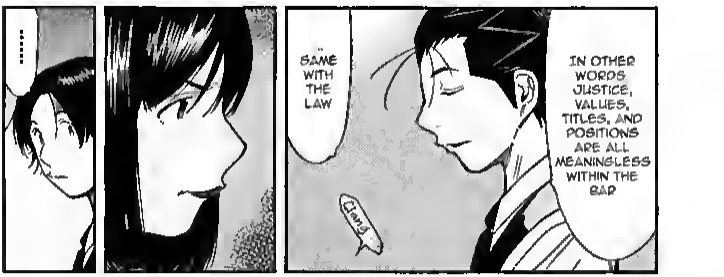
AFTER YOU GIVE THE SECRET WORD THROUGH A SMALL WINDOW AND GAIN ENTRANCE INTO THE BAR, YOU WILL FIND GANGSTERS DRINKING WITH POLICE OFFICERS
DURING THE ERA OF PROHIBITION UNDERGROUND BARS WERE OFTEN CALLED SPEAKEASIES BECAUSE PEOPLE SPOKE QUIETLY ABOUT THE PLACE
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



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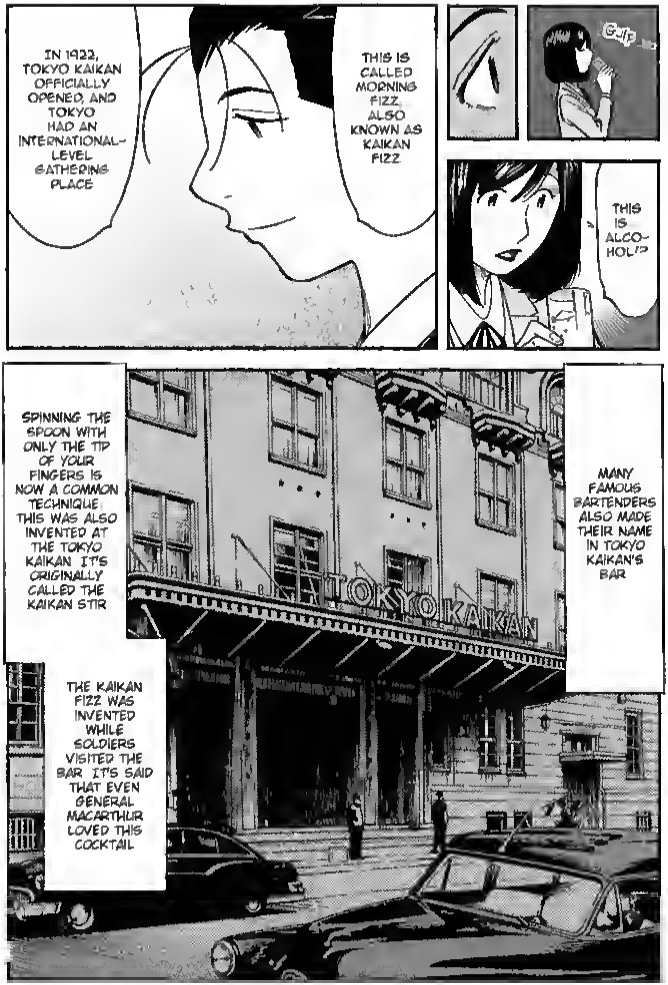
.. MILK?
MILK
POUR
BUT .. I CAN MAKE FOR YOU THE COCKTAIL THAT THIS MAN OFTEN DRANK 30 YEARS AGO
WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY IT?
EH
USE THE SHAKER ... ON MILK?
ENJOY


IN 1922, TOKYO KAIKAN OFFICIALLY OPENED, AND TOKYO HAD AN INTERNATIONAL-LEVEL GATHERING PLACE
THIS IS CALLED MORNING FIZZ, ALSO KNOWN AS KAIKAN FIZZ
Gulp
THIS IS ALCOHOL!?
SPINNING THE SPOON WITH ONLY THE TIP OF YOUR FINGERS IS NOW A COMMON TECHNIQUE. THIS WAS ALSO INVENTED AT THE TOKYO KAIKAN. IT'S ORIGINALLY CALLED THE KAIKAN STIR
TOKYO KAIKAN
MANY FAMOUS BARTENDERS ALSO MADE THEIR NAME IN TOKYO KAIKAN'S BAR
THE KAIKAN FIZZ WAS INVENTED WHILE SOLDIERS VISITED THE BAR. IT'S SAID THAT EVEN GENERAL MACARTHUR LOVED THIS COCKTAIL

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THERE WAS A MAN IN NAGATACHOU WHO BECAME FAMOUS BECAUSE OF KAIKAN FIZZ
HE USED TO DRINK THIS... IS THERE ANY MEANING TO IT?
SO THEY LIED AND PASSED THIS COCKTAIL OFF AS MILK
IT'S NOT APPRO-PRIATE FOR MILITARY OFFICIALS TO DRINK IN THE MORNING
YOUNG CONGRESS-MEN WHO SAW HIM ALL SAY HE HAD A SHOCKING PRESENCE
WHEN EVERYONE IS DRINKING LIKE NO TOMOR-ROW, THIS SECRE-TARY WILL ALWAYS BE DRINKING MILK
MY DECEASED FATHER WAS A DEVOUT CHRISTIAN. I ONLY DRINK MILK IN FRONT OF OTHERS.
NO MATTER WHERE THE PROFESSOR GOES, SHE ONLY DRINKS MILK
ALWAYS DRINKING MILK

HE WOULD TELL THE NEWBIE THAT THIS IS A FAMOUS COCKTAIL CALLED KAIKAN FIZZ, THEN CONTINUE TO DRINK TOGETHER
THE NEWBIES WOULD FIND IT SHOCKING THAT THE SECRETARY ONLY DRINKS MILK, THEN THE SECRETARY WILL INVITE THE NEWBIE TO A BAR
WHY DID HE DO THAT?
SO THAT'S NOT REALLY MILK, BUT A COCKTAIL DISGUISED AS MILK
IT'S A SMALL TRICK OFTEN USED BY POLITICIANS
BY SHARING A SMALL SECRET, PEOPLE WILL OFTEN OPEN THEMSELVES UP
THIS PHRASE
WHY ARE THE FLOWERS BEAUTIFUL ... IT IS BECAUSE THEY BLOOM EARNESTLY
THIS MAN IS THE SECRE-TARY ...

*TAKEN FROM A YAGI JUKICHI COLLECTION

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THIS IS A POEM BY THE POET YAGI JUKICHI, WHO DIED WHEN HE WAS ONLY 29 LEAVING HIS FAMILY BEHIND. HE WAS ALSO A DEVOUT CHRISTIAN
30 YEARS AGO, THIS MAN ALSO CHOSE TO BECOME A PERSON OF THE PAST AND CHOSE TO USE THIS POEM TO PASS HIS WILL TO HIS DAUGHTER

ALL PARENTS LOVE THEIR CHILDREN. I BELIEVE HE SENT THAT THREATENING LETTER TO STOP YOU FROM STEPPING FOOT INTO THE PUTRID WORLD THAT HAS TORMENTED HIM FOR YEARS. HE SENT THIS WITH A FATHER'S CONCERN
HE WISHES FOR YOU TO BLOOM EARNESTLY

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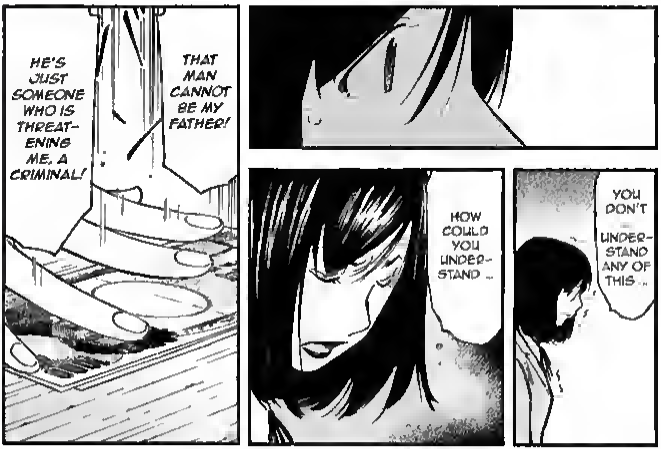
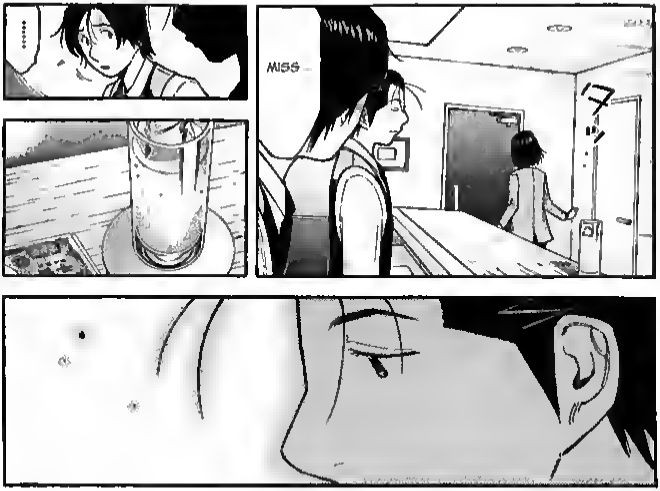

HE'S JUST SOMEONE WHO IS THREATENING ME, A CRIMINAL!
THAT MAN CANNOT BE MY FATHER!
HOW COULD YOU UNDERSTAND ..
YOU DON'T ... UNDERSTAND ANY OF THIS ..



FEW DAYS LATER

*MINSEITO SECRETARY GENERAL SOUMA SHINSHI'S CAMPAIGN PARTY

TO BE HONEST, SOME FAMILY ISSUES CAME UP, SO I HAVEN'T MADE UP MY MIND YET
PROFESSOR! HAVE YOU DECIDED TO ENTER THE ELECTION? I HOPE I CAN HEAR A FAVORABLE RESPONSE FROM YOU
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE INVITATION
AS LONG AS IT'S NOT A CRI-MINAL!?
AS LONG AS IT'S NOT A CRIMINAL, IT WON'T AFFECT YOUR ELECTION
FAMILY ISSUES? HA HA HA!
THAT MAN REALLY IS
COULD IT BE HE WOULD EVEN BECOME A CRIMINAL TO STOP ME FROM ENTERING THE ELECTION?

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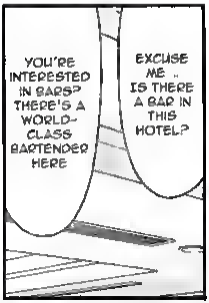
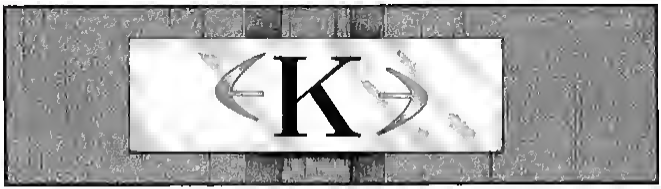

EXCUSE ME .. IS THERE A BAR IN THIS HOTEL?
YOU'RE INTERESTED IN BARS? THERE'S A WORLD-CLASS BARTENDER HERE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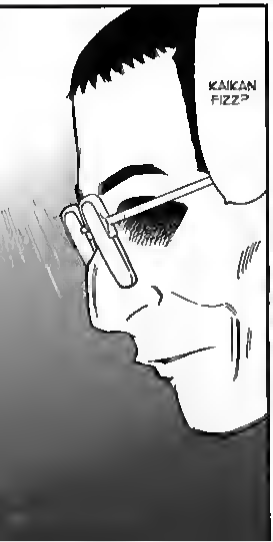
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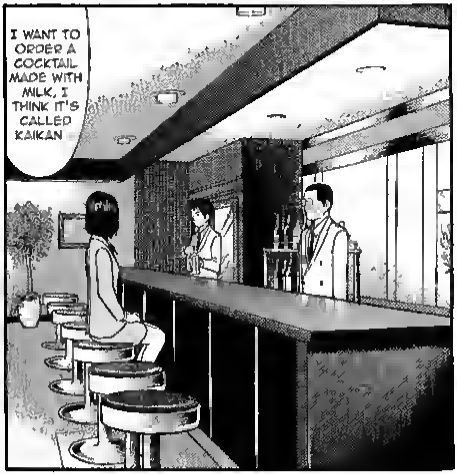
I WANT TO ORDER A COCKTAIL MADE WITH MILK, I THINK IT'S CALLED KAIKAN

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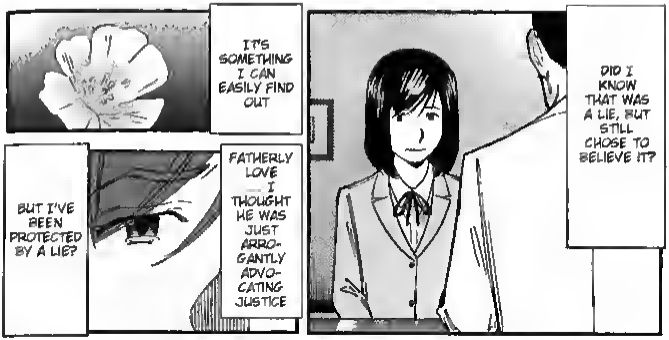
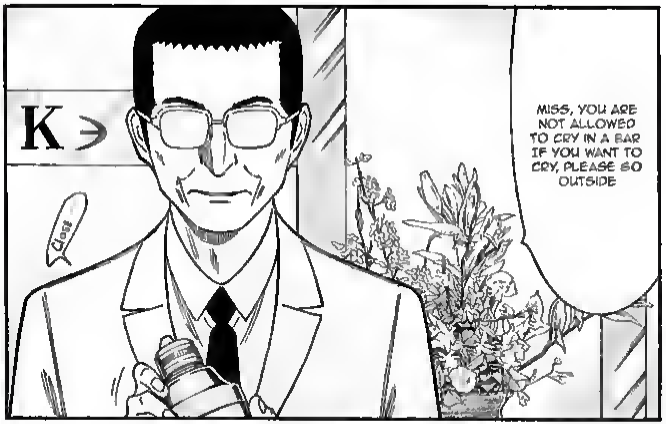

IT'S SOMETHING I CAN EASILY FIND OUT
DID I KNOW THAT WAS A LIE, BUT STILL CHOSE TO BELIEVE IT?
FATHERLY LOVE — I THOUGHT HE WAS JUST ARROGANTLY ADVOCATING JUSTICE
BUT I'VE BEEN PROTECTED BY A LIE?



PRETENSE AND PERSISTENCE ARE TWO COMPLETELY DIFFERENT THINGS
IF I'M AT A BAR, I HAVE TO SUPPRESS MY EMOTIONS AND DRINK WITH A CALM DEMEANOR?
A PLACE WHERE YOU CALMLY FACE YOUR TRUE SELF
NOT SWAYED BY EMO-TIONS
PERSIS-TENCE
THAT IS A BAR

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ENJOY
NOT AN UNDERGROUND BAR, BUT A TEA LOUNGE
IN THAT REGARD, A BAR IS ACTUALLY MORE LIKE A JAPANESE TEA LOUNGE

THIS IS KAIKAN FIZZ
*GIN 45 ML, MILK 30 ML, LEMON JUICE 15 ML, SYRUP 1 TEASPOON, SHAKE, THEN ADD SODA WATER

A NEW BAR OPENED IN KURA-YAMIZAKA, THE BAR-TENDER THERE TOLD ME ..
THERE S NO SUCH THING AS A DISGUISE IN COCKTAIL MAKING IF THERE IS, THEN THAT BARTENDER IS AN AMATEUR

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WANT ME TO BE LIKE A FLOWER, AND EARNESTLY FACE THIS COCKTAIL..., WHAT AN OBNOXIOUS BARTENDER
THAT'S WHY YOU SAID CRYING IS NOT ALLOWED HERE..
!
Gulp
LET ME GIVE YOU AN EXAM-PLE
—VERY, VERY DELICIOUS!
THIS COCKTAIL IT'S NOT MILK, AND IT'S NOT ALCOHOL! IT'S AS SMOOTH AS A YOGURT DRINK I'VE NEVER TASTED ANYTHING LIKE THIS!

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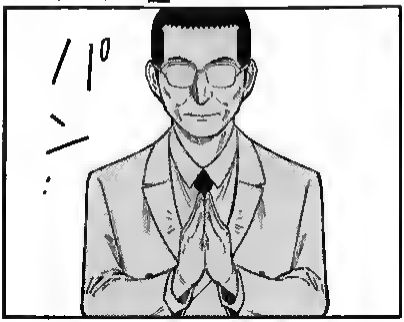

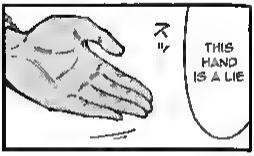

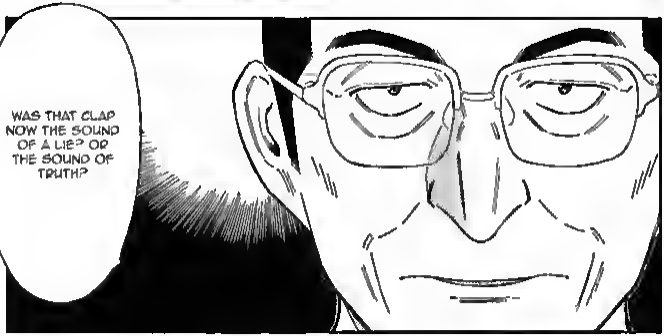

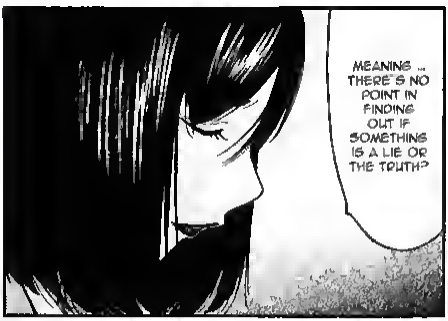

IF YOU CAN KEEP YOUR EMOTIONS IN CHECK AND SIMPLY ACCEPT IT. YOU'LL FEEL MORE RELAXED
YES, LIKE A PERFECT COCKTAIL. HOWEVER, IT REALLY EXISTS IN FRONT OF YOU
Gulp
SIMPLY — ACCEPT IT
Hah...
I'M SORRY I HOPE HE DOESN'T MIND IT TOO MUCH
I ONLY HAD A SIP, BUT I DON'T REMEMBER THE FLAVOR...
KURAYAMIZAKA'S BARTENDER'S KAIKAN FIZZ. YOU DIDN'T LIKE IT?

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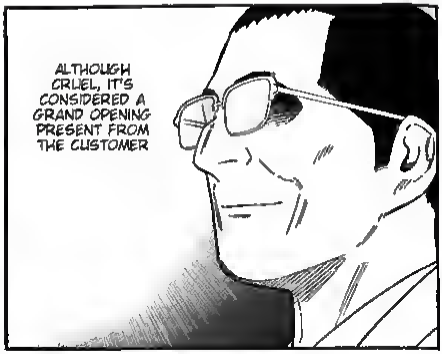

DON'T FEEL DOWN, LET'S HAVE SOME GYOZA AFTER WE CLOSE
A 30-YEAR REUNION OF FATHER AND DAUGHTER A BARTENDER CAN'T HELP AT ALL ... THAT'S WHAT I REALLY WANTED TO SAY. I GUESS I STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO

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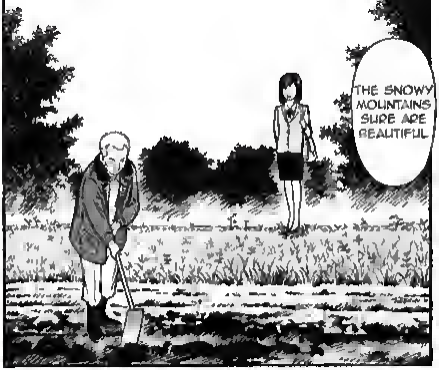
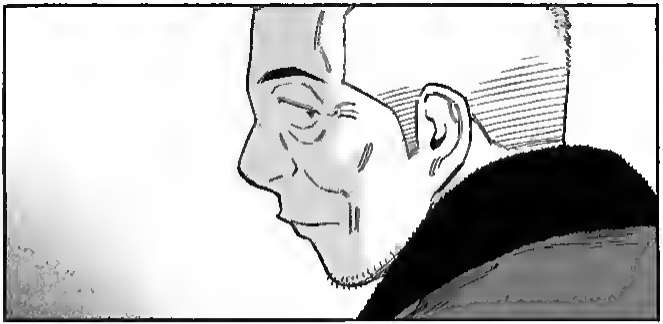
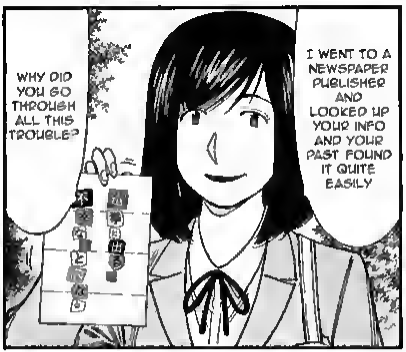
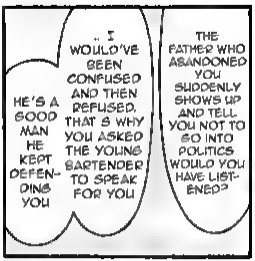





WHY DID YOU GO THROUGH ALL THIS TROUBLE?
I WENT TO A NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER AND LOOKED UP YOUR INFO AND YOUR PAST FOUND IT QUITE EASILY


HE'S A GOOD MAN HE KEPT DEFENDING YOU
.. I WOULD'VE BEEN CONFUSED AND THEN REFUSED. THAT'S WHY YOU ASKED THE YOUNG BARTENDER TO SPEAK FOR YOU
THE FATHER WHO ABANDONED YOU SUDDENLY SHOWS UP AND TELL YOU NOT TO GO INTO POLITICS WOULD YOU HAVE LISTENED?

LET'S STOP FOR A MOMENT AND DRINK THIS TOGETHER?
Gulp
NO, I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I'M NOT FIT FOR POLITICS
PERHAPS... I JUST WANT TO HAVE A TASTE OF WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO BE A FATHER? DID YOU THINK I WAS NOSY?
SORRY THAT I MEDDLED AFTER ALL THESE YEARS I KNOW I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT, AND I CAUSED A LOT OF TROUBLE FOR YOU
THIS IS...!
Gulp
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, DRINK!
AH OKAY
HEY DON'T COME OVER YOU'LL DIRTY YOUR SHOES
KAIKAN FIZZ REALLY IS DELICIOUS THAT YOUNG BARTENDER TAUGHT ME THE RECIPE

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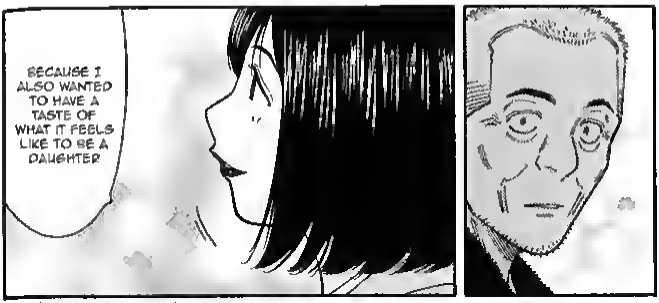

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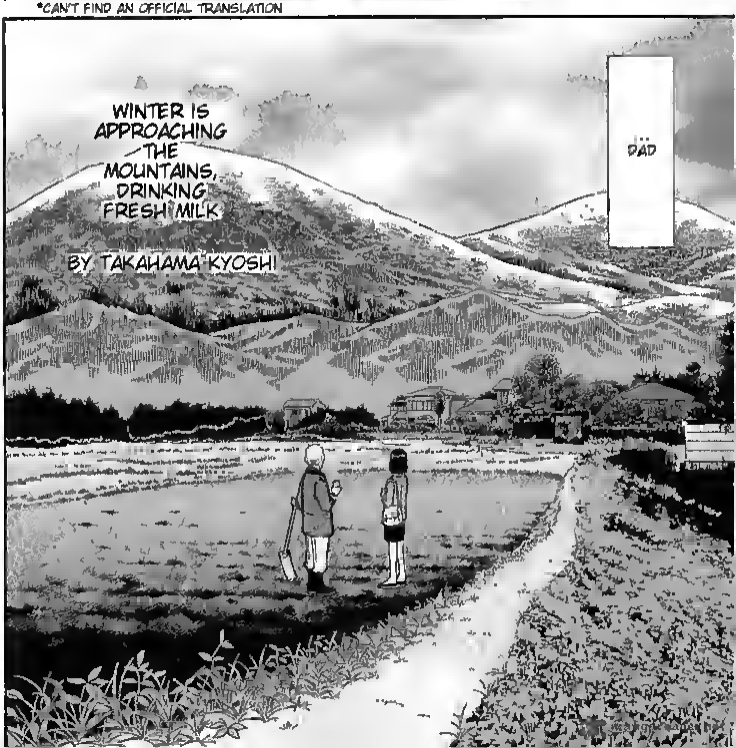

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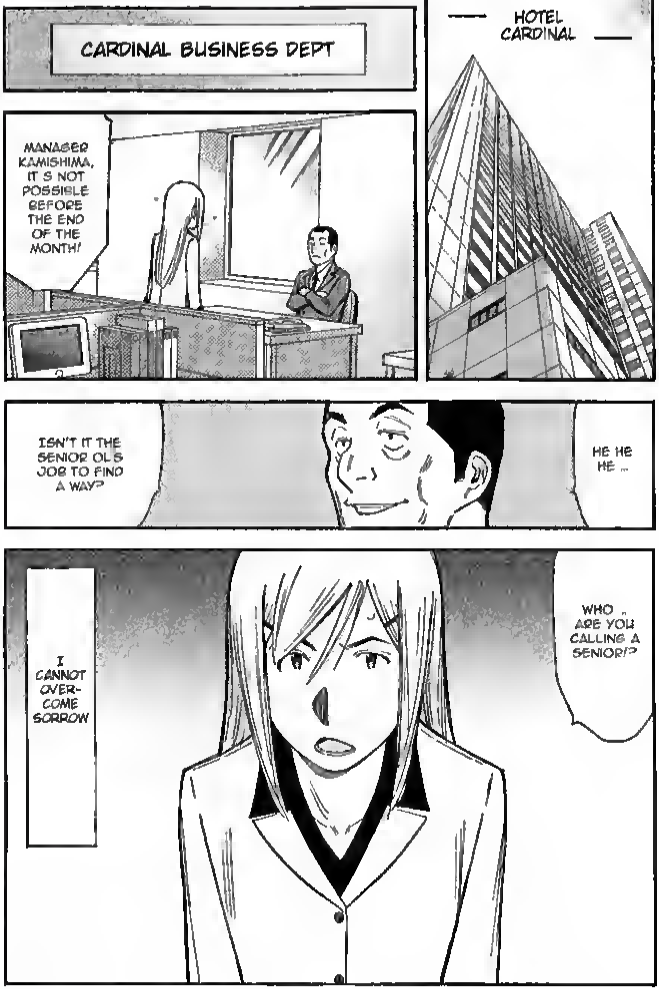
CARDINAL BUSINESS DEPT
HOTEL CARDINAL
MANAGER KAMISHIMA, IT'S NOT POSSIBLE BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH!
ISN'T IT THE SENIOR OL'S JOB TO FIND A WAY?
HE HE HE...
I CANNOT OVER-COME SORROW
WHO... ARE YOU CALLING A SENIOR!?

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THE FIRST DROP

WHAT'S GOING ON~ LET ME HELP YOU WITH THAT!
JEEZ- WHY'S HE ALWAYS PICKING ON ME?
IT'S ALSO A LIE THAT TIME HELPS YOU FORGET
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THAT I WOULD JUST MAKE THINGS WORSE?
ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY ...
HAVE PILED UP AND SOLIDIFIED WITHIN ME
EH .. HM~ ..
THE PAST MEMORIES AND PAIN THAT FADED FROM OTHERS
I'M JUST KIDDING, COME HELP ME
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AH~! THAT'S MEAN~
THAT'S RIGHT!
I'M GRATEFUL FOR EVERYONE'S KINDNESS AND CONSI-DERATION

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EH? YOU HAVEN'T ...
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EDEN HALL RST GRAND OPENING INVITATION
SASAKURA RYUU WAKU TSUBASA
KEIHIN FREEWAY ★3
BUT
ピーポー
NO, I'M NOT I'M JUST AVOIDING THE GRAND OPENING RUSH IT'S COMMON SENSE!
YOU'RE HEART-LESS, EVERYONE VISITED ALREADY
THE LONE-LINESS IS UNBEAR-ABLE
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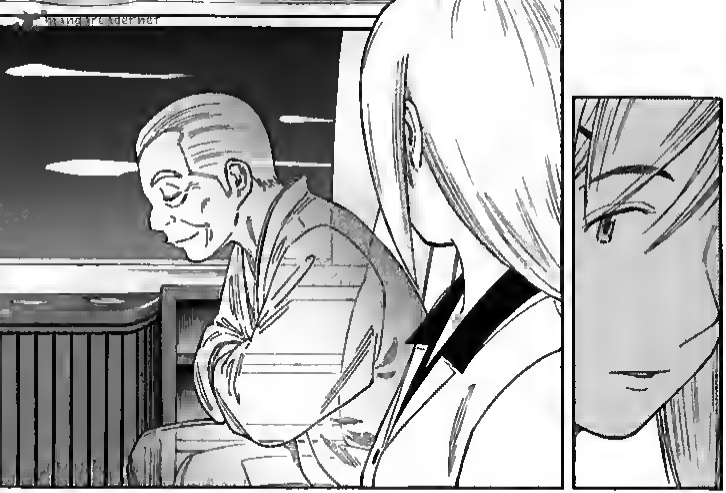
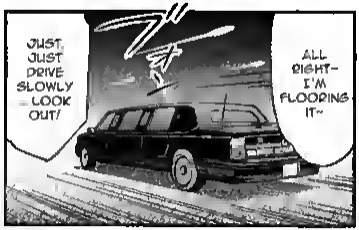
.... WHEN I'M BY MYSELF

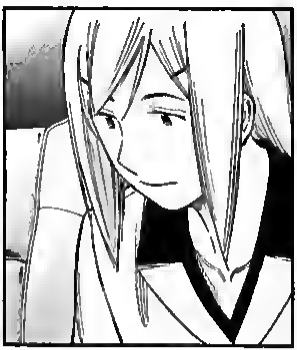


REALLY? THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR. YOU SHOULD TAKE YOUR TIME TO THINK ABOUT THE FUTURE
DON'T WORRY. EVEN THOUGH EVERYONE KNOWS THAT I'M CHAIRMAN KUROSHIMA'S GRANDDAUGHTER, THEY STILL TREAT ME THE SAME

MISS, ARE YOU OKAY? EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE GOING BACK HOME TODAY BUT...
YOU SHOULD LEAVE TOKYO AND MOVE BACK TO YOUR HOME IN YOKOSUKA. I'D FEEL MORE RELIEVED IF YOU COULD COMMUTE TO WORK FROM THERE

SOUNDS GOOD! IT'S STILL EARLY. YOU SHOULD RELAX SOMETIMES
SORRY YAMASHITA. COULD YOU HEAD BACK TO TOKYO? I WANT TO GRAB A FEW DRINKS BEFORE GOING HOME


JUST, JUST DRIVE SLOWLY — LOOK OUT!
ALL RIGHT— I'M FLOORING IT~



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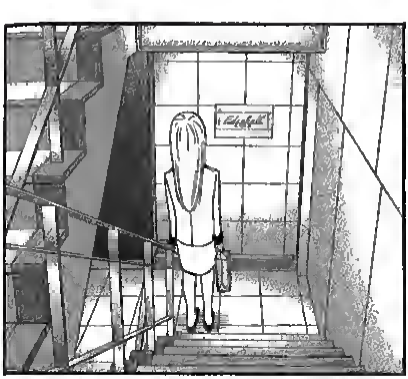

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...GOOD EVENING
WELCOME
PLEASE HAVE A SEAT ...
JUST A SECOND
SASAKURA-SAN~ I WANT A FRUITY COCKTAIL THAT'S LIGHT ON ALCOHOL~ PLEASE RECOMMEND SOMETHING~ ♥

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IS THAT SO?
THE ATMOSPHERE CHANGED QUITE A BIT IT'S A LOT MORE LIVELY THAN THE HOTEL
A MAN-HATTAN
GIVE ME A BEER..
I WANT A VODKA TONIC .. A STRONG ONE
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IF HOSTESSES COME BY OFTEN LIKE THIS, IT'LL ALSO ATTRACT MORE MALE CUSTOMERS
SASA-KURA-SAN ...
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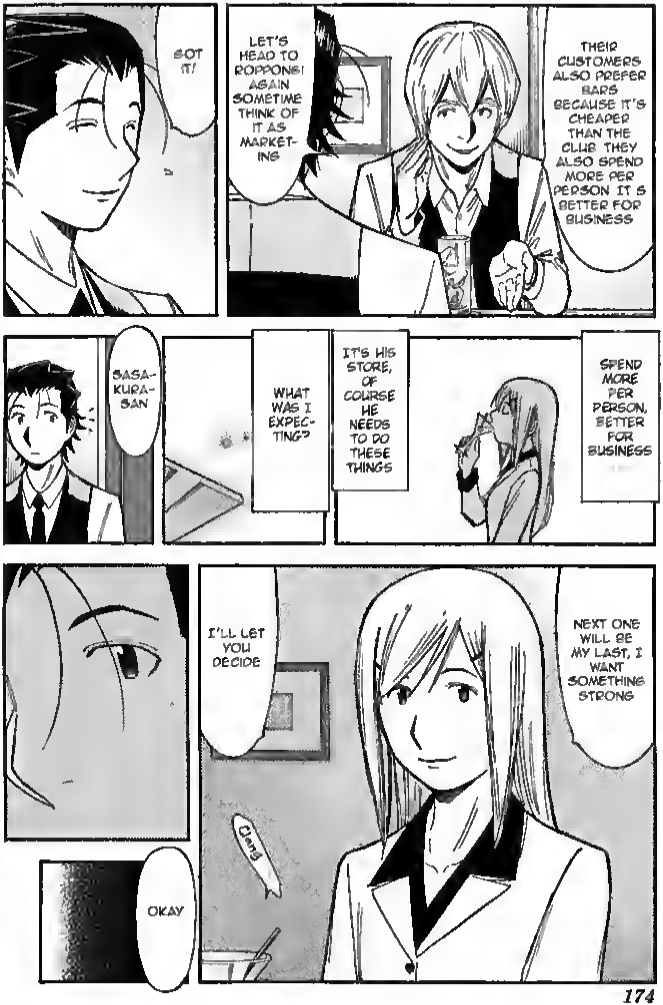
GOT IT!
LET'S HEAD TO ROPPONGI AGAIN SOMETIME THINK OF IT AS MARKETING
THEIR CUSTOMERS ALSO PREFER BARS BECAUSE IT'S CHEAPER THAN THE CLUB THEY ALSO SPEND MORE PER PERSON IT'S BETTER FOR BUSINESS
SASAKURA-SAN
WHAT WAS I EXPECTING?
IT'S HIS STORE, OF COURSE HE NEEDS TO DO THESE THINGS
SPEND MORE PER PERSON, BETTER FOR BUSINESS
I'LL LET YOU DECIDE
NEXT ONE WILL BE MY LAST, I WANT SOMETHING STRONG
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OKAY

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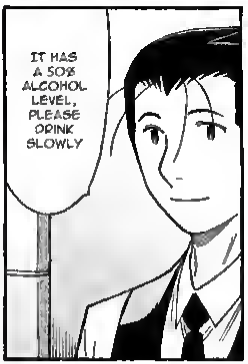
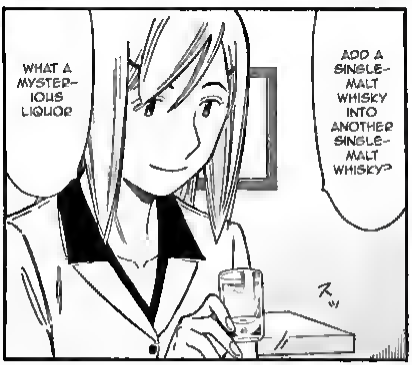
IT'S A WHISKY THAT DIDN'T GO THROUGH A BOTTLING COMPANY. A BLENDED MALT (FORMERLY KNOWN AS VATTED MALT) THAT CONTAINS 99.9% OF ONE TYPE OF SINGLE-MALT WITH A FEW DROPS OF ANOTHER TYPE OF SINGLE-MALT





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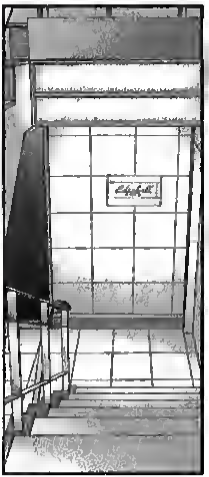
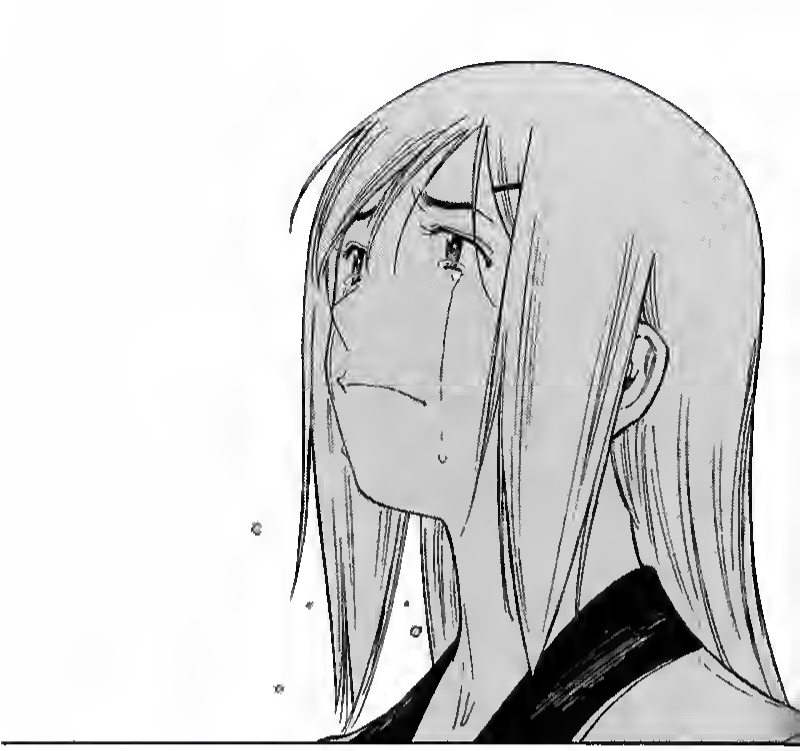


A PERSON FEEL OTHER PEOPLE'S ANGUISH
IT'S ONLY NATURAL ...



FEW DAYS LATER

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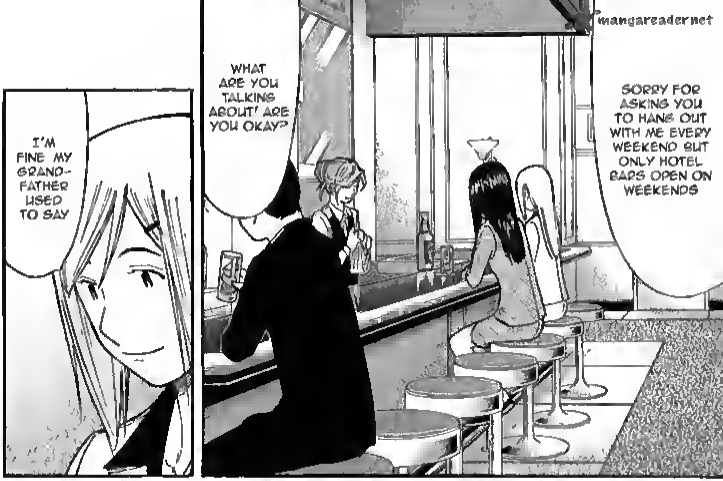
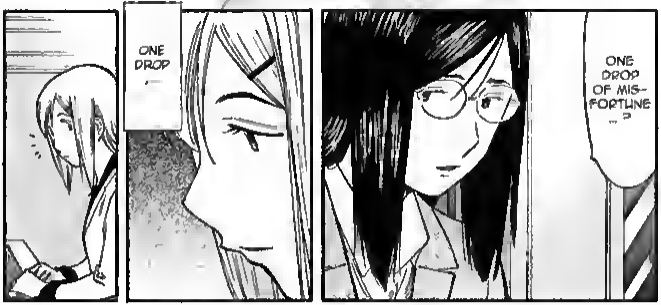

I'M FINE. MY GRANDFATHER USED TO SAY
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? ARE YOU OKAY?
SORRY FOR ASKING YOU TO HANG OUT WITH ME EVERY WEEKEND BUT ONLY HOTEL BARS OPEN ON WEEKENDS

BUT TOO MUCH MISFORTUNE IS DISCOURAGING AND HARMFUL TO YOUR PSYCHE. THAT'S WHY YOU ONLY NEED TO HAVE ONE DROP OF MISFORTUNE
HUMANS CAN'T BE TOO FORTUNATE IF THEY ARE, THEY WILL THINK BEING FORTUNATE IS THEIR RIGHT, AND THEY WILL TREAT PEOPLE AROUND THEM POORLY



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STOP IT, YOU CRYBABY LAWYER DOESN'T MATTER WHAT HAPPENED, IT'S NOT YOUR TURN TO CRY
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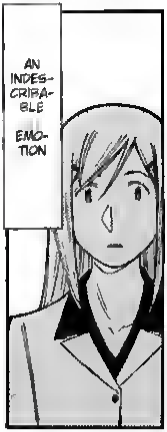
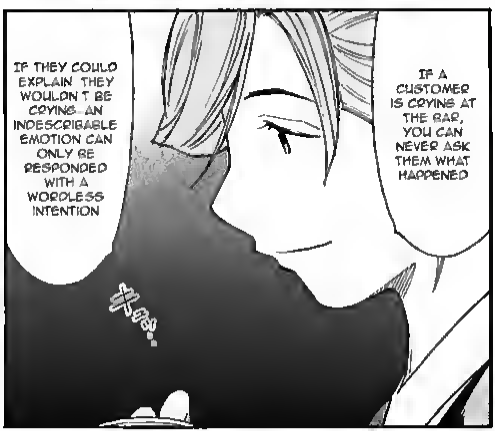
MIWA, ARE YOU OKAY~ YOUR EXPRESSION IS TELLING ME THAT YOU HAVE 99 DROPS OF MISFORTUNE~

THAT'S RIGHT BARTENDERS WILL ALWAYS ASK ME WHAT I ATE, WHAT I DRANK, HOW DRUNK AM I
FIRST I'LL THINK ABOUT MAKING A DELICIOUS DRINK FOR THEM




IF THEY COULD EXPLAIN THEY WOULDN'T BE CRYING. AN INDESCRIBABLE EMOTION CAN ONLY BE RESPONDED WITH A WORDLESS INTENTION
IF A CUSTOMER IS CRYING AT THE BAR, YOU CAN NEVER ASK THEM WHAT HAPPENED
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YE, YES
FOR EXAMPLE, YOU'VE BEEN DRINKING FINAL DROP ALL DAY
UH ... I JUST FEEL LIKE DRINK-ING THIS
MIWA'S ALWAYS DRINKING THIS RECENTLY, DO YOU LIKE WHISKY THAT MUCH?
BUT EVERY BAR-TENDER KNOWS
FINAL DROP NEVER DISCLOSED WHICH SINGLE-MALT WHISKY THEY USED
UNDER-STAND?
IF I WERE TO PUT MY OWN INTENTION INTO THE FINAL DROP, IT'S PROBABLY "I GET IT, I UNDER-STAND"?
IF IT WAS ME, I WOULD SERVE MY CUSTOMER WITH THIS FEELING ...
THE WHISKY THEY ADD COMES FROM THE DISTILLERY NEXT DOOR. ONLY AMATEURS DON'T KNOW THIS
THERE IS A FAMOUS DISTILLERY IN DUFFTOWN IN THE SPEYSIDE REGION EVEN TODAY, THEY STILL DO FLOOR MALTING

*IT'S SAID THAT 99.9% IS BALVENIE AND THE REMAINING 0.1% IS GLENFIDDICH
*FLOOR MALTING — ONE METHOD OF PRODUCE MALT FROM BARLEY. AN EXPERT WILL WET THE BARLEY AND SPREAD IT ACROSS A CONCRETE FLOOR, AND LET IT GERMINATE

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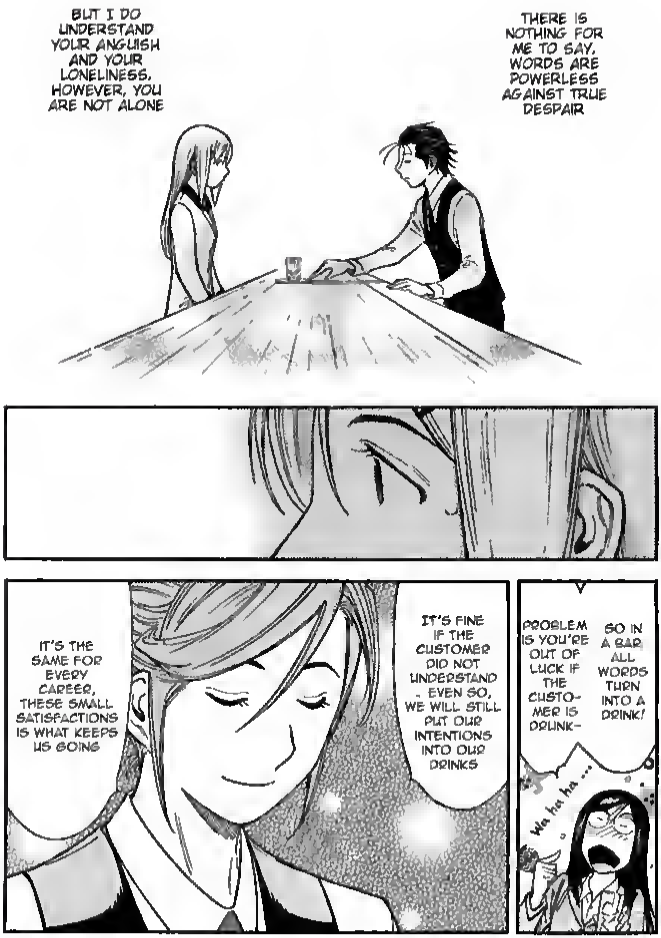
BUT I DO UNDERSTAND YOUR ANGUISH AND YOUR LONELINESS. HOWEVER, YOU ARE NOT ALONE
THERE IS NOTHING FOR ME TO SAY. WORDS ARE POWERLESS AGAINST TRUE DESPAIR
IT'S THE SAME FOR EVERY CAREER, THESE SMALL SATISFACTIONS IS WHAT KEEPS US GOING
IT'S FINE IF THE CUSTOMER DID NOT UNDERSTAND . EVEN SO, WE WILL STILL PUT OUR INTENTIONS INTO OUR DRINKS
PROBLEM IS YOU'RE OUT OF LUCK IF THE CUSTO-MER IS DRUNK-
SO IN A BAR, ALL WORDS TURN INTO A DRINK!
Wa ha ha ...

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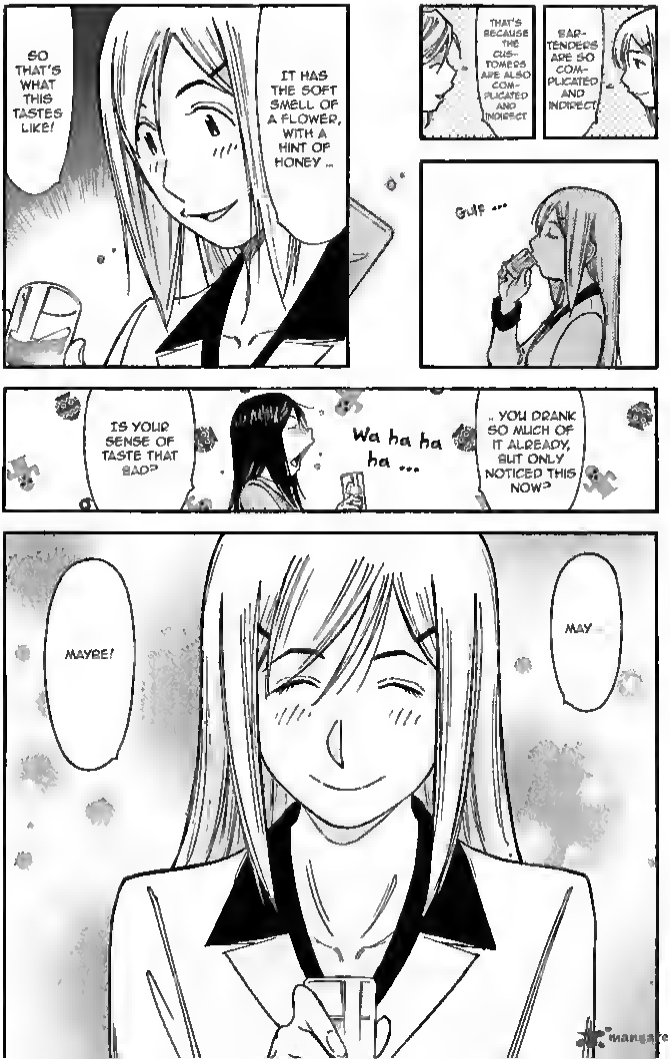
SO THAT'S WHAT THIS TASTES LIKE!
IT HAS THE SOFT SMELL OF A FLOWER, WITH A HINT OF HONEY ...
THAT'S BECAUSE THE CUS-TOMERS ARE ALSO COM-PLICATED AND INDIRECT
BAR-TENDERS ARE SO COM-PLICATED AND INDIRECT
Gulp ...
IS YOUR SENSE OF TASTE THAT BAD?
Wa ha ha ha ...
.. YOU DRANK SO MUCH OF IT ALREADY, BUT ONLY NOTICED THIS NOW?
MAYBE!
MAY

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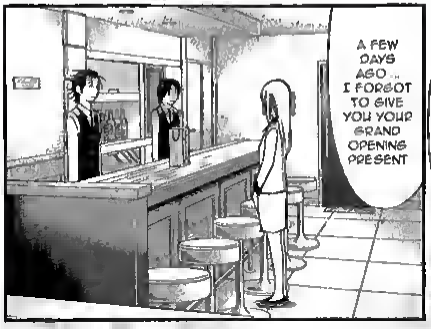

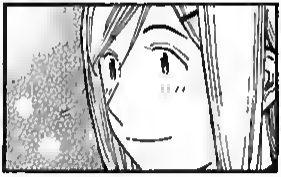

LET THIS MATURE WITH THE BAR, ONE YEAR AT A TIME ...
WHISKY THAT WAS NEVER CASKED SINCE THIS BAR JUST OPENED, I THOUGHT I'D GIVE YOU A NEWLY BREWED WHISKY
原酒
SINGLE MALT
北海道余市蒸溜所限定
未貯蔵
ウイスキー

THANK YOU
DOESN'T MATTER IF IT'S BEEN TEN, TWENTY YEARS I WILL REMEMBER THAT THIS LIQUOR IS THE FIRST DROP
IF THIS ISN'T PLACED IN A CASK, IT WON'T MATURE NO MATTER HOW LONG IT RESTS, RIGHT?
HM— A LIQUOR IS ONLY CONSIDERED SCOTCH WHISKY IF IT'S BEEN MATURED FOR MORE THAN 3 YEARS
THAT'S NOT THE POINT!
THE FIRST DROP... THAT'S RIGHT, I WILL SHOW YOU THAT I CAN RECOVER

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WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE IN TEN, TWENTY YEARS?
COME TO THINK OF IT, THIS BAR
I... I WAS ONLY KIDDING!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
I'LL DRIP SOME HOT SAUCE INTO THIS GUY'S NOSTRILS LATER AND CLEAR UP HIS BRAIN
THIS IS WHAT MY MASTER KASE SOBOU USED TO SAY
THE ROLE THAT A BAR PLAYS

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WHEN YOUR SOUL IS HURT BY LONELINESS, EXHAUSTED FROM PAIN AND GRIEF, AND NEEDS THE COMFORT OF A BAR, THE BAR'S LIGHTS WILL BE ON, WAITING FOR YOU

EVEN IF YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN THE BAR, ITS LIGHTS WILL NEVER GO OUT

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